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SENATE MEMORIAL 32

53RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2017

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A MEMORIAL

DECLARING FEBRUARY 9, 2017 "BURRELL COLLEGE OF OSTEOPATHIC
MEDICINE DAY" IN THE SENATE.

WHEREAS, established in 2013, the Burrell college of
osteopathic medicine is an accredited post-secondary medical
school located in the New Mexico state university Arrowhead
research center in Las Cruces; and

WHEREAS, the Burrell college of osteopathic medicine is a
privately funded medical school in a unique public-private
partnership with New Mexico state university; and

WHEREAS, the doctor of osteopathic medicine program is a
four-year osteopathic medical curriculum of clinical and
classroom learning that focuses on a holistic view of medicine;
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WHEREAS, the Burrell college of osteopathic medicine is

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1 focused on increasing diversity in the physician workforce and
2 fostering a practice of life-long learning, compassion, respect
3 and excellence in its students; and

4 WHEREAS, in 2016, the Burrell college of osteopathic
5 medicine enrolled its inaugural class of one hundred sixty-two
6 students; and

7 WHEREAS, the Burrell college of osteopathic medicine has
8 assisted in creating one hundred eight new residency positions,
9 including multiple residencies in psychiatry,
10 neuromusculoskeletal medicine and internal medicine; and

11 WHEREAS, New Mexico faces a health care crisis with
12 limited access to primary health care physicians, especially in
13 rural areas and tribal lands; and

14 WHEREAS, over the next several years, it is estimated that
15 New Mexico will lose thirty-five percent of its existing
16 primary care physicians to retirement; and

17 WHEREAS, the Burrell college of osteopathic medicine's
18 core initiatives include the mission to focus on providing
19 primary care physicians to tribal lands and rural New Mexico;
20 and

21 WHEREAS, the Burrell college of osteopathic medicine has
22 been working with tribal health care providers, including the
23 federal Indian health service and individual tribal health care
24 facilities, and has established a working relationship with the
25 Indian health service Navajo area serving the Navajo Nation;

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2 WHEREAS, the Burrell college of osteopathic medicine is
3 striving to create a more culturally, ethnically and
4 socioeconomically diverse physician population;

5 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE
6 OF NEW MEXICO that February 9, 2017 be declared "Burrell
7 College of Osteopathic Medicine Day" in the senate; and

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Burrell college of
9 osteopathic medicine be recognized for its commitment to
10 providing quality health care to the rural and tribal
11 communities of New Mexico; and

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
13 transmitted to the chair of the board of trustees of the
14 Burrell college of osteopathic medicine and the president of
15 New Mexico state university.