

1 A MEMORIAL

2 RECOGNIZING WESTERN NEW MEXICO UNIVERSITY'S QUASQUICENTENNIAL
3 IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO REFLECT
4 ON THE PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE
5 UNIVERSITY.

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7 WHEREAS, western New Mexico university was founded on
8 February 11, 1893 as a state normal school for the training
9 of teachers in the thriving southwestern New Mexico mining
10 communities; and

11 WHEREAS, for one hundred twenty-five years, western New
12 Mexico university has made important contributions to New
13 Mexico; and

14 WHEREAS, western New Mexico university is situated in
15 the shadows of the Gila national forest, near the continental
16 divide; and

17 WHEREAS, western New Mexico university is recognized
18 today as New Mexico's only public applied liberal arts and
19 sciences institution and has been continuously accredited
20 since 1942 by the higher learning commission; and

21 WHEREAS, western New Mexico university, a Hispanic-
22 serving institution, has made enormous contributions to the
23 state's cultural, intellectual, social and educational growth
24 of its residents while remaining firmly attached to its
25 community roots; and

1 WHEREAS, western New Mexico university continues to
2 educate and train thousands of students and professionals in
3 the region through a dedication to educational excellence and
4 academic proficiency and a commitment to community that has
5 been demonstrated for one hundred twenty-five years; and

6 WHEREAS, located in Silver City, western New Mexico
7 university has served the people of New Mexico and its
8 surrounding areas as a comprehensive, regional, rural, public
9 university since 1893 and is committed to continuing this
10 service toward a student population diverse in age, culture,
11 language and ethnic background;

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
13 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that western New
14 Mexico university's quasiquicentennial be recognized in the
15 house of representatives to serve as an opportunity to
16 reflect on the past, present and future contributions of the
17 university; and

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
19 transmitted to the board of county commissioners of Grant
20 county and the president of western New Mexico university. _____

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