

1 A MEMORIAL

2 REQUESTING THE NEW MEXICO CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TO SUPPORT  
3 FEDERAL FUNDING FOR FACULTY HOUSING AT NAVAJO TECHNICAL  
4 UNIVERSITY.

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6 WHEREAS, Navajo technical university began as the Navajo  
7 skill center in 1979, was renamed the Crownpoint institute of  
8 technology in 1985, was designated by the federal government  
9 in 1994 as a land grant college and assumed its present name  
10 in 2013; and

11 WHEREAS, Navajo technical university is an accredited  
12 and respected technical-vocational tribal university that  
13 offers a broad selection of certificate and associate's,  
14 baccalaureate and master's degree programs; and

15 WHEREAS, the vision of Navajo technical university is  
16 to educate Navajo individuals, utilizing state-of-the-art  
17 technology, to enhance desirable character traits, such as  
18 integrity, self-discipline, loyalty and respect, which give  
19 the Navajo people hope, courage and the resiliency essential  
20 to their survival as a people, using the strengths inherent  
21 in the Navajo cultural values and traditions; and

22 WHEREAS, Navajo technical university supports the  
23 beliefs that every student has the innate ability and  
24 intelligence to learn and acquire technical skills and that a  
25 disciplined learning environment, with innovative and viable

1 community-based academic and vocational curricula, will  
2 produce a competent, educated and self-reliant participant of  
3 the Navajo Nation in the world of work; and

4 WHEREAS, Navajo technical university has a current  
5 student enrollment of eight hundred eighty-three students at  
6 its Crownpoint campus; and

7 WHEREAS, in 2017, Navajo technical university had  
8 fifty-three members of the teaching faculty at its Crownpoint  
9 campus; and

10 WHEREAS, economic development and improvements in the  
11 educational performance of American Indian students at Navajo  
12 technical university strengthen the Navajo Nation and the  
13 state of New Mexico and provide a model for Native American  
14 communities throughout the United States; and

15 WHEREAS, Navajo technical university seeks to increase  
16 its teaching faculty and attract new faculty members with  
17 varied backgrounds and areas of expertise from outside the  
18 immediate Crownpoint area; and

19 WHEREAS, housing opportunities for new faculty members  
20 moving to the Crownpoint area are very limited; and

21 WHEREAS, the provision of additional housing  
22 opportunities is essential to attract new faculty members at  
23 Navajo technical university's Crownpoint campus; and

24 WHEREAS, as a tribal university funded primarily by the  
25 federal government, Navajo technical university does not have

1 resources other than government funds to support new  
2 construction of any kind;

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE  
4 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the United States congress be  
5 encouraged to provide additional financial resources to  
6 construct and maintain housing for faculty members at Navajo  
7 technical university's Crownpoint campus; and

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
9 transmitted to members of New Mexico's congressional  
10 delegation, the secretary of Indian affairs and the president  
11 of Navajo technical university. \_\_\_\_\_

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