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10 A MEMORIAL

11 RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL
12 SCIENCE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO.

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14 WHEREAS, the university of New Mexico is the state's
15 largest research institution, and as a place of higher learning
16 continues to enrich the lives of its students by providing
17 outstanding education; and

18 WHEREAS, since its founding in 1889 as New Mexico's
19 flagship university, the university of New Mexico has been a
20 home for all students who desire to better themselves and their
21 communities; and

22 WHEREAS, the research conducted by the political science
23 department of the university of New Mexico is published in
24 academic journals across the nation with the goal of informing
25 policy experts in creating the best possible law for United

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1 States residents; and

2 WHEREAS, the department of political science of the
3 university of New Mexico provides numerous programs that help
4 students work in, and learn from, the political environment of
5 New Mexico, with each program engaging the passions of the
6 students and empowering them to participate in the political
7 process; and

8 WHEREAS, graduates of the department of political science
9 have gone on to serve the state in many professional
10 capacities, inspiring students studying under this program to
11 use the knowledge they have gained to work for the advancement
12 of all people; and

13 WHEREAS, the twenty-ninth governor of New Mexico, Gary
14 Johnson, is a graduate of the department of political science;
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16 WHEREAS, the twenty-sixth secretary of state of New
17 Mexico, Maggie Toulouse Oliver, is also a graduate of the
18 department of political science; and

19 WHEREAS, United States Senator Fred R. Harris, of
20 Oklahoma, taught in the department of political science after
21 his tenure in the United States senate and created a program
22 that allows students to gain the unique experience of working
23 in federal congressional and senate offices; and

24 WHEREAS, the department of political science includes a
25 program that allows students to work for legislators in local

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1 government and to grow both as professionals and as people
2 through the mentorship of local politicians; and

3 WHEREAS, the department of political science employs a
4 number of distinguished professors who inspire future
5 generations and instill a sense of respect for and an
6 understanding of the importance of government; and

7 WHEREAS, the department of political science is invested
8 in the success of its students and supports students who have a
9 passion for politics and a desire to learn; and

10 WHEREAS, the education of future generations in the study
11 of political science is vital to the continued success of the
12 nation and state government; and

13 WHEREAS, the opportunities provided by the department of
14 political science allow students to have an impact in their
15 local communities and encourage the importance of activism not
16 only in professional capacities but in their daily lives; and

17 WHEREAS, the continued development of a passion for policy
18 and its impact on communities is vital to the growth and
19 development of New Mexico and the nation, and free people must
20 always first and foremost be educated people; and

21 WHEREAS, the department of political science ensures that
22 every voice is heard and works to mediate opposing views so
23 that discussions lead to a better appreciation for
24 bipartisanship and peaceful debate;

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE

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1 OF NEW MEXICO that the department of political science of the
2 university of New Mexico be recognized for the valuable
3 contributions it makes in educating future policymakers; and

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
5 transmitted to the chair of the department of political science
6 of the university of New Mexico and to Adrian Schmitt, a junior
7 at the university of New Mexico majoring in philosophy and
8 political science, who brought forth this memorial to bring
9 attention to the department of political science and its
10 contributions.

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