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56TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2023

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A MEMORIAL

RECOGNIZING COWBOYS FOR CANCER RESEARCH FOR ITS CONTRIBUTIONS
TO CANCER RESEARCH IN NEW MEXICO AND DECLARING MARCH 10, 2023
"COWBOYS FOR CANCER RESEARCH DAY" IN THE HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES.

WHEREAS, cowboys for cancer research was established in
1982 and is the largest cancer research fundraiser in New
Mexico; and

WHEREAS, the money raised by cowboys for cancer research
stays in New Mexico and is used for cancer research projects in
the state; and

WHEREAS, cowboys for cancer research started as a humble
team roping fundraiser in Las Cruces that honored Alma Cohorn,
a lifelong resident of New Mexico, whose life had tragically
been taken by this awful disease in 1981; and

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1 WHEREAS, the Alma Cohorn memorial/cowboys for cancer
2 research endowment was established in 1999 to support cancer
3 research at the university of New Mexico comprehensive cancer
4 center, which is the only national cancer institute-designated
5 cancer center in a five-hundred-mile radius; and

6 WHEREAS, cowboys for cancer research has made donations to
7 the university of New Mexico comprehensive cancer center for
8 more than forty years, and one hundred percent of the money
9 that has been donated has gone toward cancer research; and

10 WHEREAS, the cowboys for cancer research endowed fund was
11 established in 2011 to support cancer research and community
12 outreach projects at New Mexico state university; and

13 WHEREAS, New Mexico state university partners with the
14 university of New Mexico comprehensive cancer center and the
15 Fred Hutchinson cancer center to conduct cutting-edge cancer
16 research; and

17 WHEREAS, the two endowment funds are worth a total of five
18 million one hundred thousand dollars (\$5,100,000); and

19 WHEREAS, Denny and Geraldine Calhoun, co-executive
20 directors of cowboys for cancer research, have been involved in
21 the charitable efforts at cowboys for cancer research since its
22 inception, and they continue to contribute their resources and
23 knowledge in the hope of finding a cure for cancer;

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
25 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that cowboys for

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1 cancer research be recognized for the contributions that it has
2 made to cancer research in New Mexico; and

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that March 10, 2023 be declared
4 "Cowboys for Cancer Research Day" in the house of
5 representatives; and

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
7 transmitted to cowboys for cancer research.

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