

SENATE MEMORIAL 12

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A MEMORIAL

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF DR. JAMES C. HENDERSON,
PRESIDENT OF SAN JUAN COLLEGE.

WHEREAS, James C. Henderson earned his bachelor's and
master's degrees from northern Arizona university and earned
his education specialist degree and doctorate in education
from the university of Arizona; and

WHEREAS, he arrived at the San Juan branch of New Mexico
state university in 1975 when its annual enrollment was just
over seven hundred students; and

WHEREAS, he was a driving force in that institution's
effort to become an independent community college and became
San Juan college's first president in 1982 and has served
continuously as the college's director and president for
nearly twenty-five years; and

WHEREAS, under his guidance San Juan college has grown

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1 to a credit enrollment of more than six thousand students per
2 year and now serves over fifteen thousand students annually
3 through its various credit and noncredit divisions; and

4 WHEREAS, under his leadership the college has broadened
5 its offerings to include programs for children, senior
6 citizens, local business and industry and area economic
7 development; and

8 WHEREAS, he has placed great emphasis on linkages with
9 local public schools, assisting the regional business
10 community, responding to community service needs and serving
11 the area's diverse population; and

12 WHEREAS, his leadership has resulted in the inception of
13 many noteworthy and valuable community efforts, including
14 leadership San Juan, the family resource center, the academy
15 for lifelong learning, the possible dream scholarship
16 program, the San Juan college volunteer center, the San Juan
17 county area vocational school, the San Juan college
18 instructional computing resource center and San Juan county's
19 quality center for business; and

20 WHEREAS, he is a member and past president of the board
21 of directors of leadership San Juan; he serves on the New
22 Mexico public education strategic planning team; he is a
23 former president of the mountain states community college
24 association and the New Mexico association of community
25 colleges; he is a past president of the Farmington chamber of
commerce and the four corners better business bureau; he is a
New Mexico amigos goodwill ambassador; and he serves on

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1 numerous other organizational boards; and

2 WHEREAS, he was named Farmington's 1983-84 citizen of
3 the year and was inducted into the Farmington chamber of
4 commerce's historymakers hall of fame in 1999; and

5 WHEREAS, he has been recognized as one of fifty
6 outstanding two-year college presidents in the nation, and he
7 has received the pacesetter award from the national council
8 for marketing and public relations in 1995, the Shirley B.
9 Gordon award of distinction from the phi theta kappa honorary
10 society for community colleges and the 1990 New Mexico
11 distinguished public service award as the state's outstanding
12 educator; and

13 WHEREAS, under his leadership San Juan college has
14 received the quality New Mexico roadrunner award and has
15 become one of the most outstanding two-year colleges in the
16 nation;

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE
18 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that James C. Henderson be recognized and
19 honored for his contributions to education in San Juan
20 county, New Mexico and the nation; and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that congratulations be extended
22 to James C. Henderson for his dedication to the state of New
23 Mexico.