

1 A MEMORIAL

2 COMMENDING THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO SCHOOL OF MEDICINE ON
3 PROVIDING FIFTY YEARS OF EDUCATION, RESEARCH AND PUBLIC
4 SERVICE TO THE RESIDENTS OF NEW MEXICO.

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6 WHEREAS, in 1961, the governor and the legislature
7 approved the creation of a two-year school of medicine at the
8 university of New Mexico to provide medical education and
9 clinical care for the state's residents; and

10 WHEREAS, the university of New Mexico president Tom
11 Popejoy hired founding dean Reginald Heber Fitz, M.D., to
12 assemble the new faculty; and

13 WHEREAS, the first class of twenty-four students began
14 the fall semester in 1964; and

15 WHEREAS, the school of medicine was expanded to a
16 four-year program in 1966; and

17 WHEREAS, Robert S. Stone, M.D., became the second dean
18 of the school of medicine in 1968, and Leonard M. Napolitano,
19 Ph.D., became the third dean in 1972; and

20 WHEREAS, the office of the medical investigator came
21 under the school of medicine's direction in 1973; and

22 WHEREAS, the school of medicine assumed control of the
23 Bernalillo county medical center in 1978; and

24 WHEREAS, the school of medicine adopted a
25 "problem-based learning" model when the school initiated its

1 innovative primary care curriculum in 1979; and

2 WHEREAS, the school of medicine researchers invented the
3 first implantable insulin pump in 1982; and

4 WHEREAS, the school of medicine established New Mexico's
5 only level one trauma center at the university of New Mexico
6 hospital in 1983; and

7 WHEREAS, the nation's first domestic disaster medical
8 assistance team was created at the school of medicine in
9 1983; and

10 WHEREAS, the school of medicine's single-track
11 curriculum was adopted in 1993, becoming an international
12 model for medical education; and

13 WHEREAS, in 1994, Paul B. Roth, M.D., M.S., became the
14 fourth dean of the school of medicine and, in 2014, became
15 the nation's longest-serving medical school dean; and

16 WHEREAS, the school of medicine faculty founded the
17 university of New Mexico center for telehealth and
18 cybermedicine research in 1995; and

19 WHEREAS, the university of New Mexico's cancer center in
20 the school of medicine received a national cancer institute
21 designation in 2005; and

22 WHEREAS, the school of medicine, with legislative
23 support, joined with the university of New Mexico college of
24 arts and sciences to create a combined bachelor of arts and
25 doctor of medicine program in 2006; and

1 WHEREAS, the school of medicine is nationally known for
2 its programs in family and rural medicine;

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE
4 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the university of New Mexico school
5 of medicine be recognized and commended for providing fifty
6 years of education, research and public service to the
7 residents of New Mexico; and

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
9 transmitted to the president of the university of New Mexico
10 and to the dean of the school of medicine at the university of
11 New Mexico. _____

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