

1 SENATE MEMORIAL 110

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10 A MEMORIAL

11 COMMENDING THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO SCHOOL OF MEDICINE ON
12 PROVIDING FIFTY YEARS OF EDUCATION, RESEARCH AND PUBLIC SERVICE
13 TO THE RESIDENTS OF NEW MEXICO.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

8 WHEREAS, the school of medicine adopted a "problem-based
9 learning" model when the school initiated its innovative
10 primary care curriculum in 1979; and

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

13 WHEREAS, the school of medicine established New Mexico's
14 only level one trauma center at the university of New Mexico
15 hospital in 1983; and

16 WHEREAS, the nation's first domestic disaster medical
17 assistance team was created at the school of medicine in 1983;
18 and

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

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

25 WHEREAS, the school of medicine faculty founded the

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1 university of New Mexico center for telehealth and
2 cybermedicine research in 1995; and

3 WHEREAS, the university of New Mexico's cancer center in
4 the school of medicine received a national cancer institute
5 designation in 2005; and

6 WHEREAS, the school of medicine, with legislative support,
7 joined with the university of New Mexico college of arts and
8 sciences to create a combined bachelor of arts and doctor of
9 medicine program in 2006; and

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

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE
13 OF NEW MEXICO that the university of New Mexico school of
14 medicine be recognized and commended for providing fifty years
15 of education, research and public service to the residents of
16 New Mexico; and

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
18 transmitted to the president of the university of New Mexico
19 and to the dean of the school of medicine at the university of
20 New Mexico.