

1 A MEMORIAL

2 RECOGNIZING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF DANIEL H. LOPEZ, PH.D.

3
4 WHEREAS, after a stellar career of exemplary public
5 service, Daniel H. Lopez, Ph.D., will retire in 2016 as the
6 longest-serving president of the New Mexico institute of
7 mining and technology; and

8 WHEREAS, Dr. Dan, as he is fondly known, is one of
9 twelve siblings raised on a farm and ranch in the small
10 community of Puerto de Luna, New Mexico; and

11 WHEREAS, Dr. Dan appreciated the upbringing his parents
12 provided and the love and support they gave him; and

13 WHEREAS, as a young man, Dr. Dan recognized that
14 education would pave the path to a lifetime of opportunity;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, early on, Dr. Dan chose a course of study tied
17 to governmental financial and administrative issues,
18 primarily in the public sectors of state government and
19 higher education; and

20 WHEREAS, Dr. Dan was awarded a bachelor of arts degree
21 in political science in 1970 and master of arts degree in
22 political science in 1972 from the university of New Mexico;
23 and

24 WHEREAS, military duty delayed Dr. Dan's graduation from
25 the university of New Mexico until 1982, when he was awarded

1 a doctor of philosophy in political science; and

2 WHEREAS, the United States department of labor in
3 Washington, D.C., provided Dr. Dan with leadership training
4 and served as an early training ground for a man who is known
5 for his championing of educational opportunities for
6 minorities; and

7 WHEREAS, Dr. Dan served as the executive director for
8 the New Mexico state advisory council on vocational-technical
9 education from 1973 to 1982; and

10 WHEREAS, Dr. Dan has led a distinguished career in
11 public service in two key cabinet positions under Governor
12 Toney Anaya; and

13 WHEREAS, Dr. Dan was secretary of the employment
14 security department from 1983 to 1984 and secretary of
15 finance and administration from 1984 to 1986; and

16 WHEREAS, in August 1987, Dr. Dan began his distinguished
17 career with the New Mexico institute of mining and technology
18 as associate and deputy director of the terminal effects
19 research and analysis (TERA) group; and

20 WHEREAS, from 1989 to 1993, Dr. Dan served as the vice
21 president for institutional development at the New Mexico
22 institute of mining and technology; and

23 WHEREAS, in July 1993, Dr. Dan was named president of
24 the New Mexico institute of mining and technology, a position
25 he will have held for twenty-three years at the time of his

1 retirement; and

2 WHEREAS, Dr. Dan also served as chief of staff of the
3 senate finance committee and as senior staff analyst of the
4 house appropriations and finance committee during legislative
5 sessions from 1987 to March 1993; and

6 WHEREAS, Dr. Dan was named president of the New Mexico
7 council of university presidents from 1993 to the present;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, during his tenure at the New Mexico institute
10 of mining and technology, Dr. Dan served on numerous
11 committees of higher education and other organizations; and

12 WHEREAS, Dr. Dan has received many awards and honors,
13 including the Pete Porter lifetime achievement award from the
14 New Mexico oil and gas association and the Vanguard award of
15 the Hispanic engineer national achievement awards; and

16 WHEREAS, Dr. Dan leaves a rich legacy of success at the
17 New Mexico institute of mining and technology for improved
18 student services and scholarship support; and

19 WHEREAS, in his retirement, Dr. Dan and his wife, Linda,
20 plan to enjoy travel with family and friends;

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE
22 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that recognition and congratulations be
23 extended to Dr. Daniel H. Lopez on his retirement and for his
24 dedication to excellence in education and his leadership at
25 the New Mexico institute of mining and technology; and

