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A MEMORIAL

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, early on, Dr. Dan chose a course of study tied to governmental financial and administrative issues, primarily in

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1 the public sectors of state government and higher education;  
2 and

3 WHEREAS, Dr. Dan was awarded a bachelor of arts degree in  
4 political science in 1970 and master of arts degree in  
5 political science in 1972 from the university of New Mexico;  
6 and

7 WHEREAS, military duty delayed Dr. Dan's graduation from  
8 the university of New Mexico until 1982, when he was awarded a  
9 doctor of philosophy in political science; and

10 WHEREAS, the United States department of labor in  
11 Washington, D.C., provided Dr. Dan with leadership training and  
12 served as an early training ground for a man who is known for  
13 his championing of educational opportunities for minorities;  
14 and

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

18 WHEREAS, Dr. Dan has led a distinguished career in public  
19 service in two key cabinet positions under Governor Toney  
20 Anaya; and

21 WHEREAS, Dr. Dan was secretary of the employment security  
22 department from 1983 to 1984 and secretary of finance and  
23 administration from 1984 to 1986; and

24 WHEREAS, in August 1987, Dr. Dan began his distinguished  
25 career with the New Mexico institute of mining and technology

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1 as associate and deputy director of the terminal effects  
2 research and analysis (TERA) group; and

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

6 WHEREAS, in July 1993, Dr. Dan was named president of the  
7 New Mexico institute of mining and technology, a position he  
8 will have held for twenty-three years at the time of his  
9 retirement; and

10 WHEREAS, Dr. Dan also served as chief of staff of the  
11 senate finance committee and as senior staff analyst of the  
12 house appropriations and finance committee during legislative  
13 sessions from 1987 to March 1993; and

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

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

19 WHEREAS, Dr. Dan has received many awards and honors,  
20 including the Pete Porter lifetime achievement award from the  
21 New Mexico oil and gas association and the Vanguard award of  
22 the Hispanic engineer national achievement awards; and

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

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