

1 A MEMORIAL

2 DECLARING FEBRUARY 9, 2017 "BURRELL COLLEGE OF OSTEOPATHIC
3 MEDICINE DAY" IN THE SENATE.

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5 WHEREAS, established in 2013, the Burrell college of
6 osteopathic medicine is an accredited post-secondary medical
7 school located in the New Mexico state university Arrowhead
8 research center in Las Cruces; and

9 WHEREAS, the Burrell college of osteopathic medicine is
10 a privately funded medical school in a unique public-private
11 partnership with New Mexico state university; and

12 WHEREAS, the doctor of osteopathic medicine program is a
13 four-year osteopathic medical curriculum of clinical and
14 classroom learning that focuses on a holistic view of
15 medicine; and

16 WHEREAS, the Burrell college of osteopathic medicine is
17 focused on increasing diversity in the physician workforce
18 and fostering a practice of life-long learning, compassion,
19 respect and excellence in its students; and

20 WHEREAS, in 2016, the Burrell college of osteopathic
21 medicine enrolled its inaugural class of one hundred
22 sixty-two students; and

23 WHEREAS, the Burrell college of osteopathic medicine has
24 assisted in creating one hundred eight new residency
25 positions, including multiple residencies in psychiatry,

1 neuromusculoskeletal medicine and internal medicine; and

2 WHEREAS, New Mexico faces a health care crisis with
3 limited access to primary health care physicians, especially
4 in rural areas and tribal lands; and

5 WHEREAS, over the next several years, it is estimated
6 that New Mexico will lose thirty-five percent of its existing
7 primary care physicians to retirement; and

8 WHEREAS, the Burrell college of osteopathic medicine's
9 core initiatives include the mission to focus on providing
10 primary care physicians to tribal lands and rural New Mexico;
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12 WHEREAS, the Burrell college of osteopathic medicine has
13 been working with tribal health care providers, including the
14 federal Indian health service and individual tribal health
15 care facilities, and has established a working relationship
16 with the Indian health service Navajo area serving the Navajo
17 Nation; and

18 WHEREAS, the Burrell college of osteopathic medicine is
19 striving to create a more culturally, ethnically and
20 socioeconomically diverse physician population;

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE
22 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that February 9, 2017 be declared
23 "Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine Day" in the senate;
24 and

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Burrell college of

1 osteopathic medicine be recognized for its commitment to
2 providing quality health care to the rural and tribal
3 communities of New Mexico; and

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
5 transmitted to the chair of the board of trustees of the
6 Burrell college of osteopathic medicine and the president of
7 New Mexico state university. _____

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