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A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF  
NEW MEXICO TO RENAME THE CENTENNIAL ENGINEERING CENTER AS THE  
"LARRY LARRAÑAGA CENTENNIAL ENGINEERING CENTER".

WHEREAS, the university of New Mexico welcomes the  
opportunity to honor those who have rendered extraordinary  
service or support to the university; and

WHEREAS, facilities, spaces, endowments or programs may  
be named for individuals or entities whose accomplishments or  
generosity advance the academic mission of the university and  
further the capacity of the university to meet its teaching  
and scholarly objectives and to serve its community and  
enhance the growth and reputation of the university; and

WHEREAS, Larry A. Larrañaga, a former legislator who  
represented house district 27, covering the northeast heights  
in Albuquerque, from 1995 to 2018, died on October 9, 2018  
from a rare degenerative brain disorder; and

WHEREAS, Representative Larrañaga received a bachelor of  
science degree and a master's degree in engineering from the  
university of New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, prior to his legislative service,  
Representative Larrañaga was a cabinet secretary for the  
state highway and transportation department, now the  
department of transportation, and a former chief

1 administrative officer for the city of Albuquerque; and

2 WHEREAS, Representative Larrañaga was a leading voice on  
3 budget legislation during his nearly twenty-four years in the  
4 house of representatives; and

5 WHEREAS, support of education initiatives was one of  
6 Representative Larrañaga's priorities, and he was a member of  
7 the public school capital outlay oversight task force from  
8 2001 to 2012; and

9 WHEREAS, Representative Larrañaga was highly respected  
10 by New Mexico leaders across the political spectrum; and

11 WHEREAS, Representative Larrañaga will be remembered for  
12 his honesty, integrity, generosity and willingness to serve  
13 others and is deserving of having a building named after him  
14 to memorialize his legacy;

15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
16 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the board of regents of the  
17 university of New Mexico be requested to rename the  
18 centennial engineering center as the "Larry Larrañaga  
19 Centennial Engineering Center"; and

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
21 transmitted to the board of regents of the university of  
22 New Mexico and to Larry Larrañaga's widow, Charletta  
23 Larrañaga. \_\_\_\_\_