

Proposition: 21-16/17

Title: A Memorial in Honor of Laurie Abbott

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Sponsor(s): Brown (A&S), Cibeles (ACES), Ganguli (ACES), Barello (A&S)

Proposed Committee: We request that this be heard as Emergency Legislation.

Assigned Committee:

Prior Approvals: N/A

Proposition:

Laurie Abbott was a dear colleague of many people at NMSU, and she passed away after a long battle with Leukemia on 20 August 2016. Laurie worked at NMSU as a range scientist from the time she came to NMSU in 2000 until her retirement in 2015. Laurie's specialization was rangeland ecology and restoration, and she was a proud member of *Wild Women of the Range*, a group of likeminded women who conducted rangeland research, published and presented actively at professional society meetings, and worked to advance important rangeland research.

In addition to being a highly respected researcher, Laurie was a very committed and capable teacher at NMSU. Laurie worked very hard to help her students master the topics in her classes and also to support student clubs and groups. In recognition of her excellent teaching, she received the NMSU Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching Award in 2014, and she also received similar recognition from the Society for Range Science Management.

On a personal level, Laurie's passion was at the crossroads of adventure and the great outdoors, and she and her family enjoyed many momentous trips down the Colorado River, with a special love of the Grand Canyon. Owing the excellent care she received at the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center, Laurie was able to enjoy 4 such wonderful trips down the Grand Canyon with her husband, Wayne, and son, Skyler, a scuba diving trip to Australia, and the joy of watching Skyler graduate from high school.

By this memorial, the NMSU Faculty Senate honors and applauds Laurie's many contributions to NMSU and the range science research community, and also extends of deepest condolences and sympathies to Laurie's loving family. Gifts in memory of Laurie's life can be given in her honor to the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center, 1100 Fairview Ave Seattle, WA, 98109, or via the web at the following URL:

http://getinvolved.fhcrc.org/site/TR/Events/FredHutchinsonCancerResearchCenter;jsessionid=0000000.app253b?pg=fund&fr_id=1050&pxfid=10048&NONCE_TOKEN=2DB824985CACCE5B34E476B6A608197B

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