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Title: Memorial in Appreciation of Dr. Monica Torres for Serving as Interim President

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Proposed Committee: N/A, we ask that this be considered as emergency legislation.

Prior Approval: N/A, we ask that this be considered as emergency legislation.

Proposal:

WHEREAS, Dr. Torres was asked to step into the role of Interim President of NMSU from her position of Chancellor of the Community College System because of her proven leadership skills;

WHEREAS, Dr. Torres graciously agreed to serve and worked diligently to build a respectful relationship between NMSU’s Central Administration, Faculty Senate leadership, and Senate members at large. Of note, she met on a weekly basis with the Chair and Vice Chair of the Faculty Senate and Interim Provost Lakshmi Reddi; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Torres took the time to attend monthly meetings of Faculty Senate leadership and worked collaboratively to find solutions to concerns that were raised in the meetings. Of note, Dr. Torres provided access to key data that Senate Leadership requested and also secured \$100k in one time funds to support faculty in publishing in open access journals that requested payment of article processing charges.

THEREFORE, the NMSU Faculty Senate formally shares its heartfelt thanks to Dr. Monica Torres for serving as Interim President of NMSU while the university conducted a national search for a new President. The Faculty Senate also recognizes her tireless work ethic, her commitment to both excellence and equity, and her active participation in the shared governance process.