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MEDIA ADVISORY

Wednesday, March 30, the University of Nevada School of Medicine will be recognized in the Nevada State Assembly for its 30th Anniversary. A resolution will be read into the official record at 10:30 a.m., commending the school for its contributions to its students and the state.

In early March 1969, the Senate Finance Committee approved Assembly Bill 130 by a vote of 4 to 3, and on March 19, the Senate voted its passage 12 to 8. On March 25, Governor Paul Laxalt signed the authorization into law, allowing the Board of Regents to establish a health sciences program, including a medical school, at the University of Nevada, Reno. The issue had split the Legislature and the Board along sectional lines, and was resolved only when Howard Hughes pledged up to \$6 million over 20 years to support the school

In the past 30 years, the School of Medicine has become a strong statewide institution, with campuses in both Reno and Las Vegas, faculty who are part of the staff in nearly every hospital and clinic, and preceptors throughout the state and in the rural communities. It has graduated more than 1,000 new physicians, and provides continuing medical education programs for the state's medical professionals.

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