

1 A MEMORIAL

2 DECLARING FEBRUARY 28, 2017 "CAROLINE ROTICH DAY" IN THE
3 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

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5 WHEREAS, Caroline Rotich, who was born May 13, 1984 in
6 Nayahururu, Kenya, and is a resident of Santa Fe, New Mexico,
7 has a long and distinguished career in long-distance running;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, Caroline began her running career after earning
10 a sports scholarship at Sendai Ikuei Gakuen high school in
11 Japan; and

12 WHEREAS, Sendai Ikuei Gakuen high school has a long-
13 distance running program and a history of producing
14 successful long-distance runners; and

15 WHEREAS, after graduating from high school, Caroline
16 began competing professionally in Europe, winning the
17 Diecimiglia del Garda in Italy in 2004 and the Marvejols-
18 Mende in 2005; and

19 WHEREAS, in one instance, Caroline won a cow after
20 competing in a race in Kenya; and

21 WHEREAS, in 2006, Caroline finished in eleventh place at
22 the Nairobi marathon, her first professional marathon; and

23 WHEREAS, in 2007, Caroline moved to the United States,
24 and in 2009, she began training with Ryan Bolton of B.E.S.T.
25 Bolton endurance sports, who is the founder of the Harambee

1 project in Santa Fe, New Mexico, which is a group of elite
2 distance runners; and

3 WHEREAS, Caroline went on to place first in the 2009 Las
4 Vegas marathon; the 2011 Boston athletic association half
5 marathon in Boston, Massachusetts; the 2011 Bix 7 road race
6 in Davenport, Iowa; the 2011 and 2013 New York City half
7 marathons; and the 2012 Crim ten miler in Flint, Michigan;
8 and she placed in the top ten in several other races,
9 including fourth place in the 2011 Boston marathon; and

10 WHEREAS, Caroline also placed first in the 2013 Prague
11 marathon; and

12 WHEREAS, on April 20, 2015, Caroline won the most
13 prestigious and longest annual foot race in the world, the
14 Boston marathon, with a time of two hours twenty-four minutes
15 fifty-five seconds; and

16 WHEREAS, throughout her successful career, Caroline has
17 been active in her community, meeting and speaking at local
18 schools and running events; and

19 WHEREAS, Caroline is currently training for the 2017
20 Boston marathon and is proud to call New Mexico home;

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
22 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that February 28,
23 2017 be declared "Caroline Rotich Day" in the house of
24 representatives; and

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Caroline Rotich be

1 recognized for her illustrious career as a long-distance
2 runner; and

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
4 transmitted to Caroline Rotich.

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