

1 A MEMORIAL

2 REQUESTING THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO CONGRATULATE THE
3 UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY TEAM FOR
4 WINNING THE 2017 NATIONAL COLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
5 CHAMPIONSHIP.

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7 WHEREAS, the university of New Mexico women's cross
8 country team was ranked second in the country as they entered
9 the national collegiate athletic association division one
10 cross country championships in Louisville, Kentucky, in
11 November 2017; and

12 WHEREAS, the Lobo women won the national title for the
13 second time in three years, joining their national win in
14 2015 and becoming the ninth team in national collegiate
15 athletic association history to win multiple titles in
16 women's cross country; and

17 WHEREAS, this victory was the team's eighth straight
18 top-ten performance at the national collegiate athletic
19 association championships, which is the longest active streak
20 in national collegiate athletic association history; and

21 WHEREAS, the Lobo women placed four scorers in the top
22 fifteen, including a dominant performance by individual
23 winner Ednah Kurgat; and

24 WHEREAS, Ednah Kurgat's time of nineteen minutes,
25 nineteen and forty-two one hundredths seconds is the fastest

1 in championship history since the national collegiate
2 athletic association moved the race distance up from five
3 thousand meters in 2000; and

4 WHEREAS, the top Lobo scorers – Ednah Kurgat, Weini
5 Kelati, Charlotte Prouse and Alice Wright – all earned
6 all-American honors and were joined on the team by Alondra
7 Negron Texidor, Alex Buck and Kieran Casey; and

8 WHEREAS, this is the second national title for coach Joe
9 Franklin as he also led the team to the 2015 national
10 collegiate athletic association title; and

11 WHEREAS, the Lobo women's 2017 national title is the
12 third national collegiate athletic association title in the
13 university of New Mexico's history, joining their win in 2015
14 and the 2004 national title won by the university of New
15 Mexico's skiing program;

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
17 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that
18 congratulations be extended to the university of New Mexico
19 women's cross-country team and coach Joe Franklin for their
20 remarkable season and an outstanding national victory; and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
22 transmitted to the university of New Mexico women's cross
23 country coach Joe Franklin.