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**53RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2018**

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A MEMORIAL

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

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

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

WHEREAS, this victory was the team's eighth straight top-

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1 ten performance at the national collegiate athletic association  
2 championships, which is the longest active streak in national  
3 collegiate athletic association history; and

4 WHEREAS, the Lobo women placed four scorers in the top  
5 fifteen, including a dominant performance by individual winner  
6 Ednah Kurgat; and

7 WHEREAS, Ednah Kurgat's time of nineteen minutes, nineteen  
8 and forty-two one hundredths seconds is the fastest in  
9 championship history since the national collegiate athletic  
10 association moved the race distance up from five thousand  
11 meters in 2000; and

12 WHEREAS, the top Lobo scorers – Ednah Kurgat, Weini  
13 Kelati, Charlotte Prouse and Alice Wright – all earned  
14 all-American honors and were joined on the team by Alondra  
15 Negrón Texidor, Alex Buck and Kieran Casey; and

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

19 WHEREAS, the Lobo women's 2017 national title is the third  
20 national collegiate athletic association title in the  
21 university of New Mexico's history, joining their win in 2015  
22 and the 2004 national title won by the university of New  
23 Mexico's skiing program;

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
25 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that congratulations

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1 be extended to the university of New Mexico women's  
2 cross-country team and coach Joe Franklin for their remarkable  
3 season and an outstanding national victory; and

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

