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A MEMORIAL

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, after graduating from high school, Caroline began
competing professionally in Europe, winning the Diecimiglia del

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1 Garda in Italy in 2004 and the Marvejols-Mende in 2005; and

2 WHEREAS, in one instance, Caroline won a cow after
3 competing in a race in Kenya; and

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

6 WHEREAS, in 2007, Caroline moved to the United States, and
7 in 2009, she began training with Ryan Bolton of B.E.S.T. Bolton
8 endurance sports, who is the founder of the Harambee project in
9 Santa Fe, New Mexico, which is a group of elite distance
10 runners; and

11 WHEREAS, Caroline went on to place first in the 2009 Las
12 Vegas marathon; the 2011 Boston athletic association half
13 marathon in Boston, Massachusetts; the 2011 Bix 7 road race in
14 Davenport, Iowa; the 2011 and 2013 New York City half
15 marathons; and the 2012 Crim ten miler in Flint, Michigan; and
16 she placed in the top ten in several other races, including
17 fourth place in the 2011 Boston marathon; and

18 WHEREAS, Caroline also placed first in the 2013 Prague
19 marathon; and

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

24 WHEREAS, throughout her successful career, Caroline has
25 been active in her community, meeting and speaking at local

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1 schools and running events; and

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

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
5 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that February 28,
6 2017 be declared "Caroline Rotich Day" in the house of
7 representatives; and

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Caroline Rotich be recognized
9 for her illustrious career as a long-distance runner; and

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

