

1 A MEMORIAL

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

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

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

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

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

23 WHEREAS, Ednah Kurgat's time of nineteen minutes,  
24 nineteen and forty-two one hundredths seconds is the fastest  
25 in championship history since the national collegiate

1 athletic association moved the race distance up from five  
2 thousand meters in 2000; and

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

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

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

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

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

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