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SENATE MEMORIAL 45

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

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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE SENATE 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 SENATE OF THE STATE
25 OF NEW MEXICO that congratulations be extended to the

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1 university of New Mexico women's cross-country team and coach
2 Joe Franklin for their remarkable season and an outstanding
3 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.

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