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52ND LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2016

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A MEMORIAL

RECOGNIZING THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM.

WHEREAS, in one of the most dominating performances in national collegiate athletic association history, the number one university of New Mexico women's cross country team won its first national title on November 15, 2015 at the national collegiate athletic association division one cross country championships; and

WHEREAS, the Lobos' championship is the second national collegiate athletic association title in university of New Mexico history; and

WHEREAS, the university of New Mexico's talented quad of runners lived up to their reputation as the team to beat, running through the thirty-one-team field to an eighty-point

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1 victory over runner-up Colorado; and

2 WHEREAS, New Mexico's margin of victory is the fifth
3 largest in national collegiate athletic association history and
4 the best since 2004; and

5 WHEREAS, senior Courtney Frerichs led the Lobo runners
6 over the women's six-kilometer course, placing fourth overall
7 in nineteen minutes, forty-eight seconds; and

8 WHEREAS, Courtney was the Lobos' top runner at four of the
9 five meets at which the team ran in 2015, and her finish is the
10 best in the university of New Mexico women's cross country
11 program history; and

12 WHEREAS, sophomore Alice Wright was not far behind
13 Courtney, finishing fifth overall, followed by junior Rhona
14 Auckland, who finished thirteenth overall, senior Calli
15 Thackery, who finished fifteenth overall, and senior Molly
16 Renfer, who finished twenty-fourth overall; and

17 WHEREAS, all five athletes earned all-American honors,
18 making them the first women's team to have five all-Americans
19 in a single championship since Villanova in 2009; and

20 WHEREAS, rounding out the New Mexico contingent, Heleene
21 Tabet finished seventy-fourth and Whitney Thornburg finished
22 one hundred ninth; and

23 WHEREAS, New Mexico head coach Joe Franklin had nothing
24 but praise for the championship winners who earned the right to
25 wear turquoise and represent New Mexico;

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the university of New Mexico women's cross country team be congratulated on its national collegiate athletic association division one cross country championship win; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be transmitted to coach Joe Franklin and the university of New Mexico women's cross country team.