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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1           WHEREAS, The women's cross country team of Texas Tech  
2 University concluded a successful 2006 season by making its first  
3 ever appearance in the NCAA championships on November 20, 2006,  
4 where it finished sixth among the 31 competing teams; and

5           WHEREAS, The Lady Red Raiders were paced by sophomore Sally  
6 Kipyego, who won the NCAA individual title by finishing first in the  
7 6,000-meter event; this win marked Ms. Kipyego's sixth consecutive  
8 victory in an undefeated season, and her outstanding  
9 accomplishments in 2006 earned her All-America honors and the  
10 Female Athlete of the Year award from the U.S. Track & Field and  
11 Cross Country Coaches Association; and

12           WHEREAS, Irene Kimaiyo, the team's second All-American, also  
13 did extremely well in the championship event, finishing ninth in  
14 the individual standings; the other talented runners who  
15 contributed to the Red Raiders' fine showing in the NCAA  
16 championships were Violet Chemakwila, Gladys Kipsang, Asia Diaz,  
17 Jessica Stovall, and Michelle Edman; five additional athletes,  
18 Michlene Daniels, Amy Darlington, Tori Epperson, Molly Evans, and  
19 Stephanie Lowe, were part of the 2006 team; and

20           WHEREAS, Directed by head coach Jon Murray and assisted by  
21 manager Thomas Korir, the women's cross country team has emerged as  
22 one of the best in the nation, and its exemplary showing in 2006 has  
23 brought further acclaim to the proud athletic tradition of Texas  
24 Tech University; now, therefore, be it

1           RESOLVED, That the 80th Legislature of the State of Texas  
2 hereby congratulate the members of the Texas Tech University  
3 women's cross country team for their excellent performance at the  
4 2006 NCAA championships and extend to them best wishes for  
5 continued success; and, be it further

6           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
7 prepared for the team as an expression of high regard from the Texas  
8 House of Representatives and Senate.