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## RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The men's and women's cross country & half marathon

2 teams at El Paso Community College continued the program's

3 tradition of success with an outstanding 2018 season; and

WHEREAS, The Tejanos and Tejanas closed out the year with

5 exceptional showings in two high-profile events; at the National

6 Junior College Athletic Association Cross Country Championships

7 held in Garden City, Kansas, on November 10, both teams tallied

8 impressive scores in their Division I races, with the women's squad

9 achieving second place and the men's squad taking third; and

10 WHEREAS, Only a week later, these dedicated athletes once

again matched up against competitors from across the country in the

12 NJCAA Half Marathon Championships in Orange Beach, Alabama; both

13 squads recorded first-place finishes, with the Tejanas claiming

14 their fifth national title and the Tejanos capturing the team's

15 first championship crown in program history; moreover, Elias

16 Loriposia took home the men's individual title; and

17 WHEREAS, In addition to their exemplary performances in

18 competition, the EPCC runners have also maintained a commitment to

19 excellence in the classroom, boasting team grade point averages of

20 higher than 3.24; and

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21 WHEREAS, With their accomplishments on the national stage,

22 the EPCC cross country & half marathon athletes have become a source

23 of great pride to their school, and all those associated with the

24 teams are indeed deserving of special recognition; now, therefore,

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- 1 be it
- 2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
- 3 Legislature hereby congratulate the El Paso Community College
- 4 Tejano and Tejana cross country & half marathon teams on an
- 5 outstanding 2018 season and extend to the runners, coaches, and
- 6 staff sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further
- 7 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 8 prepared for the teams as an expression of high regard by the Texas
- 9 House of Representatives.