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JUNE 6, 2018

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
JUNE 6, 2018

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating The Pennsylvania State University wrestling team  
2 on their seventh National Collegiate Athletic Association  
3 Division I Championship in eight years.

4 WHEREAS, The Penn State wrestling team won its seventh  
5 National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division I  
6 Championship in eight years on March 18, 2018; and

7 WHEREAS, The recent championship victory moves Penn State  
8 past Oklahoma for the fourth most NCAA Division I team  
9 championships since 1928; and

10 WHEREAS, Penn State wrestlers also won individual national  
11 championships in their respective weight classes, Zain  
12 Retherford in the 149-pound weight class, Jason Nolf in the 157-  
13 pound weight class, Vincenzo Joseph in the 165-pound weight  
14 class and Bo Nickal in the 184-pound weight class; and

1 WHEREAS, In addition to winning his third national  
2 championship in his weight class, Retherford ended the season  
3 with a 31-0 record, riding a 94 match win streak and he became  
4 Penn State's first back-to-back Dan Hodge Trophy winner as the  
5 nation's top collegiate wrestler; and

6 WHEREAS, Retherford was also awarded the Bill Koll Award for  
7 most pins with 17, the Joe Scalzo Award for the most team points  
8 scored with 176.5 and the Most Bonus Points Scored Award with  
9 58.5; and

10 WHEREAS, Retherford ends his career as a Nittany Lion with a  
11 126-3 record, two straight Hodge trophies, three straight Big  
12 Ten titles and with being named the NCAA Most Dominant Wrestler  
13 three years in a row; and

14 WHEREAS, Nolf won his second national championship in his  
15 weight class and was a three-time finalist, amassing a record of  
16 26-1 this past season; and

17 WHEREAS, Joseph became a two-time NCAA champion at the 165-  
18 pound weight class, finishing the season with a record of 25-2;  
19 and

20 WHEREAS, Nickal became a two-time NCAA champion in the 184-  
21 pound weight class and a three-time finalist going 31-0 for the  
22 year; and

23 WHEREAS, Penn State wrestling tied a school record for most  
24 All-Americans in a season with eight, including, Nick Lee, Zain  
25 Retherford, Jason Nolf, Vincenzo Joseph, Mark Hall, Bo Nickal,  
26 Shakur Rasheed and Nick Nevills; and

27 WHEREAS, Members of the wrestling team include Austin  
28 Clabaugh, who is a freshman with a grade point average of 4.0,  
29 Brian Friery, who is a sophomore with a grade point average of  
30 3.98, Dominic Giannageli, who is a junior with a grade point

1 average of 3.81, Devon Van Cura, who is a senior with a grade  
2 point average of 3.99 and Zain Retherford, a fifth-year senior  
3 with a grade point average of 3.73; and

4 WHEREAS, The success of the young men of the Penn State  
5 Nittany Lion wrestling team is a result of the strong leadership  
6 of their coach, Cael Sanderson; and

7 WHEREAS, Since taking the reigns as head coach of the Penn  
8 State wrestling team on April 17, 2009, Sanderson has amassed a  
9 record of 126-14-2, coached 51 All-Americans and led 20  
10 wrestlers to become national champions in their respective  
11 weight classes; therefore be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives congratulate The  
13 Pennsylvania State University wrestling team on their seventh  
14 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Championship  
15 in eight years.