A RESOLUTION

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

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

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

WHEREAS, Penn State wrestlers also won individual national championships in their respective weight classes, Zain Retherford in the 149-pound weight class, Jason Nolf in the 157-pound weight class, Vincenzo Joseph in the 165-pound weight class and Bo Nickal in the 184-pound weight class; and
WHEREAS, In addition to winning his third national championship in his weight class, Retherford ended the season with a 31-0 record, riding a 94 match win streak and he became Penn State's first back-to-back Dan Hodge Trophy winner as the nation's top collegiate wrestler; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, Members of the wrestling team include Austin Clabaugh, who is a freshman with a grade point average of 4.0, Brian Friery, who is a sophomore with a grade point average of 3.98, Dominic Giannageli, who is a junior with a grade point average of 3.98, and
average of 3.81, Devon Van Cura, who is a senior with a grade
point average of 3.99 and Zain Retherford, a fifth-year senior
with a grade point average of 3.73; and
WHEREAS, The success of the young men of the Penn State
Nittany Lion wrestling team is a result of the strong leadership
of their coach, Cael Sanderson; and
WHEREAS, Since taking the reigns as head coach of the Penn
State wrestling team on April 17, 2009, Sanderson has amassed a
record of 126-14-2, coached 51 All-Americans and led 20
wrestlers to become national champions in their respective
weight classes; therefore be it
RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives congratulate The
Pennsylvania State University wrestling team on their seventh
National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Championship
in eight years.