**COMMENDATION #3F 2021 FALL SESSION**

**Legislative Action:**

Introduced by**:** Senator R. Harper (A)(S)(E), Senator S. Quintana (A)(S)(E), Senator M. Cornelio (A)(S)(E)

1st Reading: Referred To: S&R

2nd Reading: Committee Action:

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**Executive Action**:

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ASUNM President Date

WHEREAS**,** the Associated Students of the University of New Mexico (ASUNM) recognizes the achievements and dedication of the University of New Mexico (UNM) alumni and current students, including eight (8) athletes and two (2) staff members, who were involved in the Summer Olympic Games held in Tokyo in 2021 (branded as *Tokyo 2020* due to their original scheduling and being necessarily postponed); and

WHEREAS, these individuals have shown extraordinary degrees of athletic prowess and dedication throughout their careers, and have continued to represent UNM and their respective countries by being among the best in college and professional athletic levels on the global stage; and

WHEREAS, **Andrea Howard,** a Women’s Softball player who is Italian-American with a dual citizenship, represented Italy in the Tokyo Olympics, and she has been a student studying Biology at UNM since 2017, during which time she has competed for UNM and for the Italian National Team, the latter of which won the Women’s European Championship in 2021; and

WHEREAS, **Manon De Roey,** a Women’s Golf player from Belgium who studied and played for the golf team at UNM from 2010 to 2014, earning a Major in Psychology and a Minor in Management and honored as an All-American Scholar by the National Golf Coaches Association in 2010, later playing with the Ladies European Tour (LET) and twice winning the Women’s Professional Golfers’ Association (WPGA) title in 2018 and 2019; and

WHEREAS, **Jodi Ewart Shadoff,** a Women’s Golf player from Great Britain, graduated from UNM with a degree in Psychology in 2010, and has been named the Mountain West Player of the year four (4) times, which is a record for athletes competing in any sport[[1]](#footnote-1), as well as a two-time NCAA All-American, a two-time English Amateur Champion in 2008 and 2009, and has played in numerous tournaments with the LET; and

WHEREAS, **Gavin Green,** a Men’s Golf player from Malaysia, was twice awarded Mountain West Conference Golfer of the Year, having competed for UNM from 2011 to 2015 while simultaneously majoring in Business Administration, later winning the Mercuries Taiwan Masters tournament and its Order of Merit in 2017, also competing in the EurAsia Cup and World Cup in 2018 and in both the 2016 and 2020 Summer Olympics, and is the older brother of fellow Lobo Golf player Galven Green; and

WHEREAS, **Adva Cohen,** a Women’s Track and Field athlete from Israel that transfered to UNM in 2018 from a community college in Iowa, has earned many achievements in representation of UNM including: All-Mountain West Outdoor Team: 2019 (1500), First Team All-American: 2019 (steeplechase), 2020 (Distance Medley Relay, or DMR), Honorable Mention All-American: 2019 (5000 outdoor); and

WHEREAS, **Courtney Frerichs,** a Women’s Track and Field athlete from the United States (U.S.), specializing in steeplechase, has won National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) title at the 2016 NCAA Division I Outdoor Track and Field Championships as a Lobo which is now a collegiate record, continuing her impressive skills she earned a Silver Medal in the steeplechase during the 2020 Olympics; and

WHEREAS, **Josh Kerr,** a Men’s Track and Field athlete from Great Britain, competed and earned a Bronze Medal in the 1500-meter event during the Tokyo Olympics, and during his Lobo career he had competed in the Mountain West Conference and NCAA nationals, additionally competing twice in the World Athletics Championships in 2017 and 2019; and

WHEREAS, **Django Lovett,** a Men’s Track and Field athlete from Canada, mainly participates in indoor and outdoor High Jump, competing four times and winning three of the events in 2014 while also earning his third win at the Mountain West Indoor Championships, winning Gold at the 2013 Canada Summer Games, and finished eighth (8th) in the High Jump event in the Tokyo Olympics; and

WHEREAS, **Ellis Dawson,** a 1993 graduate of the University of New Mexico and a student manager from October 1988 through 1995 for the Lobos basketball team, assisted the coordination of the USA Basketball Officials Program for the Tokyo Olympics for USA Basketball; and

WHEREAS, **MacKenzie White,** a 2009 graduate of the University of New Mexico with a Bachelor of Science in Nutrition and Dietetics and former Lobo tennis player, is currently serving as a Sports Dietician Contractor with the USPOC’s Team IV; and

NOW, THEREFORE LET IT BE COMMENDED, that ASUNM congratulates **Andrea Howard, Manon de Roey, Jodi Ewart Shadoff, Gavin Green, Adva Cohen, Courtney Frerichs, Josh Kerr, and Django Lovett** on their qualifications and performances in the Summer Olympics in Tokyo in 2021, showcasing true athletic excellence in all areas; and

NOW, THEREFORE LET IT BE FURTHER COMMENDED, that ASUNM recognizes the work of **Ellis Dawson** and **MacKenzie White**, showcasing their skills and dedication as vital staff members at the Olympic Games; and

NOW, THEREFORE LET IT BE FURTHER COMMENDED, that ASUNM commends the work of the aforementioned athletes’ coaches, trainers, and families, at UNM and elsewhere, for helping to provide the necessary resources, inspiration and skill sets to compete at the levels they have achieved; and

NOW, THEREFORE LET IT BE FURTHER COMMENDED, that a copy of this commendation be forwarded to the UNM Board of Regents, UNM President Garnett S. Stokes, UNM Provost James Holloway, UNM Dean of Students Nasha Torrez, UNM Athletics Director Eddie Nuñez, the Daily Lobo, Andrea Howard, Manon De Roey, Jodi Ewart Shadoff, Gavin Green, Adva Cohen, Courtney Frerichs, Josh Kerr, Django Lovett, Ellis Dawson, MacKenzie White, and the UNM undergraduate student body.

1. <https://golobos.com/news/2013/07/09/209056498/> [↑](#footnote-ref-1)