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and won the Outland Trophy Lineman Award and his name is Dave Rimington, and I am very proud of him and all the people in South Omaha and Omaha are very proud of Dave. And we hope he sticks around for another year. But I would just like to ask your support for this resolution and I appreciate all your signatures on the resolution. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Labeledz.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you, Mr. President. As another alumni of South High School and a resident of South Omaha, I, too am very proud of Dave Rimington and hopefully that he will stay with Nebraska. We are very proud of our team. I especially was very proud of them the day we beat Oklahoma. Dave Rimington has done a super wonderful job and I am very grateful and very happy to be one of the co-signers of the resolution and hopefully that we can all say a word of encouragement to Dave Rimington and tell him that we need him next year. We need the whole team, but we are especially proud in South Omaha of Dave Rimington. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, this is...I am not going to say anything in opposition to the resolution because I think when players get out there and work as hard as they do for nothing and the Coach gets a greater increase in salary than our entire yearly salary, then it is just kind of interesting to me that all of those people will be against rewarding the football players with cash. Everybody wants money. The reason Nebraska, Oklahoma and some of the other schools were considering bolting the NCAA is because they could get more lucrative contracts for television if they were not restricted by the NCAA rules relative to television participation. So I still am of the belief that these athletes are parts of a huge business. Dave Rimington mentioned that he sees now that football is a business and if he were able to graduate in time, I would like to see him go ahead and turn pro because he will have gotten from the University what he went there for, a degree. If he gets injured next year, then he really has nothing to fall back on. If he were a pro and should sustain an injury, there is a chance for him to do something for himself and his family. He is becoming realistic now that the realities of the world are closing in and nothing makes those realities more understandable than a wife and children. So I am pleased that he is seeing realistically what football is about now. And I have to say this, in times past I have been able to rub it in your face

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