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Kristensen, for allowing me to cosponsor this resolution.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Elmer. Does anyone else wish to speak to this resolution? Seeing none, do you have closing, Senator Kristensen? Closing is waived. We will now vote on the motion to adopt LR 216. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays, Madam President, on adoption of LR 216.

PRESIDENT MOUL: LR 216 is adopted. LR 218.

CLERK: LR 218, Madam President, introduced by Senator Chambers, may be found on page 271 of the Legislative Journal.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President and members of the Legislature, this is a resolution which would congratulate the North Omaha Boys Club for having won a National Championship in football. One reason I want to do this is that these youngsters come from an area where generally the only thing written about them or said about them is emphasizing drug activity, crime and other negatives. The vast majority of young people in North Omaha, as anywhere else, obey the law. They go to school. They do the things their parents tell them to do and so forth. But when a group excels in the way that these youngsters have done, I think it is worthy of note. The program, itself, is exceptional because they practice only three times a week. The level of competition at which they play involves teams that practice as much as six days a week. But because the emphasis is on academics and personal growth, as well as athletics, the athletics have to take second place, so they have the three days of practice. The rest of the time is dealing in mandatory tutorial activities as well as social and personal enhancement programs. Guest speakers come in, they tour businesses and everything is done to try to show them a positive aspect to life. Many of them have responded in a way that is very desirable and acceptable. When they were going down to Daytona Beach, Florida they had to ride a bus. It broke down. They were delayed for seven hours and when they arrived a number of them were stricken with the flu and required emergency treatment in the hospital. It was felt that they might not even be able to take the field with a full complement of players but some of