

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Schrock. Senator Elmer.

SENATOR ELMER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and appreciate the fact that Senator Schrock allowed me to sign on, on this resolution, since my district and his borders...go right down the west edge of Bertrand city limits. And I would say that my home high school, Republican Valley, had an excellent, excellent season this year, ending with only three losses. And I'm sad to say, all three were at the hands of Bertrand, and only by two points in the district that would have allowed Republican Valley to come to the state. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Elmer. Anyone else wishing to speak to LR 278? Seeing no one, we will now vote on LR 278. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of LR 278.

SPEAKER BAACK: LR 278 is adopted. We will now go to LR 280, introduced by Senators Will and Beutler.

CLERK: LR 280, introduced by Senators Will and Beutler, Mr. President, found on page 1399 of the Journal.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Will.

SENATOR WILL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. Today it's my honor to introduce LR 280, which honors the Benson boys' basketball team for winning the Class A state championship. I'm in a somewhat unique situation in that Benson is the only high school within the boundaries of my legislative district, and so it's not too often that a senator from this district gets a chance to introduce a resolution like this. This is the first state championship that Benson has won in over 70 years in basketball. For several years now Coach Terry Shelsta has had very good teams, they've never gone this far, until this year when...with the culmination of their season, winning the championship game behind the effort of Andre Woolridge who arguably is the best player in the state, and arguably had the most impressive championship game ever, scoring 50 points in the win over Hastings. And as the Class A champion, that's not the only honor that Benson has this year. They are also the consensus state champion of all classes, as voted by the polls in the various newspapers. And contrary to