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consecutive years in every meet that they've participated in, and they've been either first or second in every invitational track meet that these seniors have been in. In fact, the last time Kearney was not first or second in invitational meet, none of these seniors were even in school at that time. They also have been in the top ten of the state track meet for the last 12 consecutive years. The nearest team to that has only been there for four consecutive years, to show you what an accomplishment this team has been. They're truly a great track team, and undoubtedly have been dubbed, and I think correctly so, the greatest track team in the state of Nebraska, in the history of the state of Nebraska. It's appropriate that we honor them and I hope that you'll vote for this resolution congratulating them and encouraging them to continue the strong tradition of track and field at Kearney. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you. Mr. Clerk, LR 293.

CLERK: (LR) 293, Mr. President, by Senator Beutler and others, found on page 2689 of the Journal.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, this resolution gives me more pleasure personally than any that I can remember introducing in recent years because it congratulates Mr. Walt Canney, the chief administrator of the Lincoln Electric System on the occasion of his retirement from that system. Walt is a person that I've had occasion, as Chair of the Natural Resources Committee, to work with for a long, long time. He was at Lincoln Electric...(mike went dead)...legislature in 1979. I think, if you look at the resolution, that some of the whereases in this resolution are some of the most impressive whereases you will see in any resolution. Whereas, under Walter A. Canney's leadership, LES has maintained rates among the lowest ten percent nationwide; currently holds financial credit ratings which are higher than any other electric utility in the state; has maintained a stable and well-trained work force with an excellent safety record; is ranked among the top four utilities nationwide in the Standard and Poor's Business Position Index, and fifth out of 89 rated utilities in the Fitch's Competitive Indicator ratings.