

2 NINETY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE
3 SECOND SESSION
4 LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 396

5 Introduced by Synowiecki, 7; Bourne, 8; Brashear, 4; Bromm, 23;
6 Brown, 6; Byars, 30; Chambers, 11; Combs, 32;
7 Connealy, 16; Cunningham, 40; Friend, 10;
8 Hartnett, 45; Jensen, 20; Kruse, 13; Maxwell, 9;
9 McDonald, 41; Mines, 18; Mossey, 3; Dw. Pedersen, 39;
10 Preister, 5; Quandahl, 31; Raikes, 25; Redfield, 12;
11 Schimek, 27; Stuthman, 22; Thompson, 14

12 WHEREAS, the Creighton University Women's Basketball team
13 won the Women's National Invitation Tournament (WNIT) by defeating
14 the University of Nevada-Las Vegas 73-52 in the championship game;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, the Creighton University Women's Basketball team
17 became the first athletic program in school history to win a
18 national postseason tournament and the first women's basketball
19 team in Missouri Valley Conference history to win the Women's
20 National Invitation Tournament; and

21 WHEREAS, the Creighton University Women's Basketball team
22 ranked third in the NCAA in three-point field goals per game, tied
23 the school record for most wins, seventy-two, over a three-year
24 period, and was the first women's team in Missouri Valley
25 Conference history to record three consecutive seasons of at least
26 twenty-four wins; and

27 WHEREAS, Creighton's WNIT All-Tournament team members
28 include Laura Spanheimer, Dayna Finch, and Christy Neneman.
29 Creighton senior team members for 2003-04 include Dayna Finch,

1 Smith Center, Kansas; Sara Hildebrand, Norwalk, Iowa; and Christy
2 Neneman, Omaha, Nebraska; and

3 WHEREAS, team member Christy Neneman was named tournament
4 MVP, averaging 17.6 points and 7.8 rebounds per game; and

5 WHEREAS, team member Laura Spanheimer was named the 2004
6 Missouri Valley Conference Defensive Player of the Year, earned
7 first-team, all-conference recognition, and finished the 2003-04
8 season with one hundred steals, the second highest single-season
9 total in school history; and

10 WHEREAS, team member Christy Neneman earned first-team,
11 all-conference recognition and finished her career with 1,732
12 points to rank fourth in school history; and

13 WHEREAS, team member Dayna Finch was honored as the
14 Prairie Farms Missouri Valley Conference Scholar-Athlete of the
15 Year with a 3.61 grade point average and also set the Missouri
16 Valley Conference record for career three-point field goals made
17 and three-point field goal attempts; and

18 WHEREAS, Head Coach Jim Flanery is 48-18 after two
19 seasons at Creighton, his win total is the best two-year start by a
20 Creighton head coach, and his win total ties the best two-year
21 start by a Missouri Valley Conference coach in league history.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE
23 NINETY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

24 1. That the Creighton University Women's Basketball team
25 be congratulated for their exemplary effort this season.

26 2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Coach Jim
27 Flanery and each member of the Creighton University Women's
28 Basketball team.