

ONE HUNDREDTH LEGISLATURE
SECOND SESSION
LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 379

Introduced by Johnson, 37.

WHEREAS, the University of Nebraska at Kearney (UNK) wrestling team, under the leadership of head coach Marc Bauer and his staff, has represented the University and the State of Nebraska in an exemplary manner; and

WHEREAS, their competitive record includes seven consecutive conference championships in the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference and seven consecutive NCAA Division II West Region titles; and

WHEREAS, the team has placed in the Top 10 at the national championship meet in eight of the last ten years, and has had two individual champions at the past three consecutive national meets; and

WHEREAS, at the 2008 NCAA Division II National Championships held in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, on March 14 and 15, the Lopers were crowned national champions by scoring one hundred eight and one-half points, which was one-half point better than the runner-up team; and

WHEREAS, this was UNK's first-ever national team title at the NCAA Division II level; and

WHEREAS, eight members of the team achieved All-American status and all nine athletes who qualified for the national meet

won at least one match; and

WHEREAS, the team recorded Division II's second highest team grade point average (3.334) during the 2007-2008 academic year; and

WHEREAS, Coach Bauer was named the Division II Coach of the Year, a title he was also awarded in 2003.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

1. That the Legislature congratulates head wrestling coach Marc Bauer, his assistant coaches, and the University of Nebraska at Kearney student athletes for the national recognition they have achieved, the sportsmanship they have exhibited, the advancement of intercollegiate athletics, and the honor they have bestowed on themselves and this state.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Coach Marc Bauer.