

ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 485**

Introduced by Prokop, 27.

WHEREAS, in its forty-first year of honoring the nation's best athletes, Gatorade announced senior guard Uzziah Sanders of Lincoln Southwest High School as the 2025-26 Gatorade Nebraska Boys Basketball Player of the Year; and

WHEREAS, the Gatorade Player of the Year program annually recognizes one winner in each of the fifty states and the District of Columbia that sanction high school football, girls volleyball, boys and girls cross country, boys and girls basketball, boys and girls soccer, baseball, softball, and boys and girls track and field, and also recognizes one National Player of the Year in each sport; and

WHEREAS, this award recognizes outstanding athletic excellence, high standards of academic achievement, exemplary character demonstrated on and off the field, and distinguishes Uzziah as Nebraska's best high school boys basketball player; and

WHEREAS, Uzziah helped lead Lincoln Southwest to their first-ever Class A state title and is Southwest's all-time leading scorer, averaging 23.6 points, 3.9 rebounds, 3.2 assists, and 2.6 steals per game this season; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes Uzziah's dedication to basketball, academics, and achievements as a student-athlete in Nebraska.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates Uzziah Sanders for earning the Gatorade Player of the Year Award.

2. That copies of this resolution be sent to Uzziah Sanders and Lincoln Southwest High School.