

ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 492

Introduced by Cavanaugh, J., 9; Arch, 14; Ballard, 21; Bosn, 25; Brandt, 32; Cavanaugh, M., 6; Clouse, 37; Conrad, 46; DeKay, 40; Dungan, 26; Fredrickson, 20; Guereca, 7; Hallstrom, 1; Hansen, 16; Holdcroft, 36; Hughes, 24; Hunt, 8; Ibach, 44; Juarez, 5; Kauth, 31; Lippincott, 34; McKinney, 11; Meyer, G., 17; Moser, 22; Murman, 38; Quick, 35; Raybould, 28; Riepe, 12; Rountree, 3; Sanders, 45; Sorrentino, 39; Spivey, 13; Storm, 23; von Gillern, 4; Wordekemper, 15.

WHEREAS, Greg McDermott, Creighton University's men's basketball head coach will retire at the conclusion of the 2025-26 season; and

WHEREAS, Coach McDermott has led the Creighton University men's basketball team since 2010, becoming the school's all-time winningest head coach with a record of 365 wins, 188 losses, 14 seasons of 20 wins or more, two Missouri Valley Conference tournament titles, one Big East regular season championship, ten NCAA Division I tournament appearances, three Sweet Sixteen appearances, and one Elite Eight appearance; and

WHEREAS, Coach McDermott's career at Creighton saw the Bluejays move from the Missouri Valley Conference to the Big East, marking the beginning of the most successful stretch in program history, including national recognition for his son, Doug McDermott, as the 2014 National Player of the Year, for Ryan Kalkbrenner as the four-time Big East Defensive Player of the Year, and for Creighton's six NBA draft picks; and

WHEREAS, Coach McDermott also served as head coach of the Wayne State College men's basketball team from 1994 to 2000, where he amassed a record of 116 wins and 53 losses, a Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference championship, two NCAA Division II tournament appearances, and was inducted into the Wayne State College Athletics Hall of Fame on October 7, 2006; and

WHEREAS, Coach McDermott's career record as head coach over 32 seasons at Wayne State College, North Dakota State University, the University of Northern Iowa, Iowa State University, and Creighton University is 645 wins and 383 losses; and

WHEREAS, Coach McDermott has mentored and shaped the lives of hundreds of student athletes during his coaching career and his dedication will be missed.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates Creighton University men's basketball head coach Greg McDermott on his retirement and his accomplishments at Creighton University and Wayne State College.

2. That a copy of this resolution shall be given to Greg McDermott.