

SENATOR WESELY: Sure.

SENATOR CROSBY: Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Madam President, LR 75, Senators Wesely and Landis, found on page 1100 of the Journal.

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you. Madam President, members of the Legislature, it's a pleasure to have the chance to present to you LR 75, introduced to recognize the Northeast High School boys' basketball team's championship in the Class A basketball State Championship, held a couple of weeks ago. I had the pleasure of attending the game in which they won the championship, and having followed the team closely it was a great delight to see them win and win so handily. They obviously are an outstanding team. Their record is 22 and 3 this year. It's the ninth time Northeast has won a state championship in boys' basketball, and, of course, we are very proud of that over the 50-year history of the school. The coach, Rick Collura, is sort of the Tom Osborne of Class A high school basketball coaches in the sense that he's been to the championship game three times previously and lost each time, so he's been number two for several times in the last ten years he's been coaching. So I know he particularly was pleased to have gotten over the hump and gotten that number one ranking. I happened to sit with his family during the game and I know how proud they were of him, as all of us were. We're proud of the team, the coaches and all of the students and staff at Northeast for the accomplishment, and I'd ask for your support for the resolution.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Wesely. Discussion on either one or both of LR 68 or 75? Senator Hartnett.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Madam President, members of the body, Senator Dierks knew Richie Ashburn when he was a player. I knew Richie Ashburn because when I was a coach, when I started my coaching career, up in Cap Dierks' country, he used to referee and I thought he was a...I agree with what Senator Dierks said, he was an excellent referee. And so I wish him well because I think he was a good official and a good baseball player over the years.