

ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 177

Introduced by Murman, 38; DeKay, 40; Wayne, 13.

WHEREAS, Kipp Kissinger was raised in Nebraska Legislative District 38 and attended Sandy Creek High School; and

WHEREAS, John Higgins was raised in Omaha, Nebraska, and attended Cathedral High School; and

WHEREAS, Kipp Kissinger played college basketball for Nebraska Wesleyan University and was inducted into the school's Hall of Fame in 2010; and

WHEREAS, John Higgins played college basketball for the Kearney State College now the University of Nebraska at Kearney and reached the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics national tournament four times; and

WHEREAS, Kipp Kissinger and John Higgins have made personal sacrifices to grow the game of basketball from the youth level to college; and

WHEREAS, John Higgins is known for having the best hair in college basketball; and

WHEREAS, both John Higgins and Kipp Kissinger were selected as referees for the Final Four of the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I men's basketball tournament and called a great game between the San Diego State Aztecs and the Florida Atlantic Owls; and

WHEREAS, Akol Arop, a student-athlete from Omaha, Nebraska, who attended and played high school basketball for Creighton Preparatory High School, competed for the Aztecs in the tournament, including the Final Four game against the Owls.

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

1. That the Legislature honors Kipp Kissinger and John Higgins for their contributions to the game of basketball.

2. That the Legislature recognizes Kipp Kissinger and John Higgins for their hours of sacrifice to grow opportunities for youth in sports.

3. That the Legislature congratulates Akol Arop for his success and accomplishments in basketball.

4. That copies of this resolution be sent to Kipp Kissinger, John Higgins, and Akol Arop.