

ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 255**

Introduced by Conrad, 46.

WHEREAS, the National Forensic Association was established in 1973 to promote pedagogy, scholarship, and competition in intercollegiate forensics; and

WHEREAS, the National Forensic Association hosts the annual National Forensic Association National Championship Tournament, drawing in schools and competitors from across the country to compete in individual events and Lincoln-Douglas debate; and

WHEREAS, Nicholas Wallenburg, a graduating senior at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, was undefeated through the five-day tournament and won the 2023 National Championship in Lincoln-Douglas debate; and

WHEREAS, Nicholas also coached the Lincoln North Star High School debate team, leading the team to win two consecutive Nebraska state championships in Lincoln-Douglas debate; and

WHEREAS, Nicholas represents the absolute best of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln through his strong moral character, dedication to team leadership and mentoring, and his outstanding scholarship. Consequently, Nicholas was voted the top All-American debater by the Lincoln-Douglas Coaches Association in March 2023; and

WHEREAS, Nicholas Wallenburg has had a historic individual debate career and has acted not only as a leader but as an ambassador for the Cornhusker debate team and the University of Nebraska.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates Nicholas for being awarded the National Forensic Association National Individual Championship in Lincoln-

Douglas debate and for his numerous accomplishments in collegiate debate at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Nicholas Wallenburg.