

ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 64

Introduced by Holdcroft, 36.

WHEREAS, on January 6, 2023, in its thirty-eighth year of honoring the nation's best athletes, Gatorade announced senior quarterback Zane Flores of Gretna High School as the 2022-23 Gatorade Nebraska Football 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, which recognizes not only outstanding athletic excellence but also high standards of academic achievement and exemplary character demonstrated on and off the field, distinguishes Flores as Nebraska's best high school football player; and

WHEREAS, Flores is the first Gatorade Nebraska Football Player of the Year to be chosen from Gretna High School; and

WHEREAS, Flores, who was also recognized as MaxPreps Nebraska Player of the Year, led the Gretna Dragons to a 12-1 record and a berth in the Class A state championship game; and

WHEREAS, Flores completed 235 of 359 passes, a 65.5 completion percentage, for 3,117 yards and 31 touchdowns with 7 interceptions and he added 79 carries for 262 yards and 10 touchdowns on the ground. He concluded his high school career with 9,163 career passing yards and 724 completions, the most in both categories in Class A history; and

WHEREAS, Flores has volunteered locally as a coach and referee for a

fourth-grade flag football team every Sunday during football season. He also has donated his time organizing youth football and track summer camps; and

WHEREAS, Flores has maintained a 3.97 GPA in the classroom. Taking advantage of NCAA early signing rules, Flores signed a financial-aid agreement that paved the way for him to enroll early at Oklahoma State University, where he will play football. He graduated from high school in December 2022 and will attend classes at Oklahoma State during this spring's semester; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes the academic, athletic, and artistic achievements of the youth of our state.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates Zane Flores on being named the 2022-23 Gatorade Nebraska Football Player of the Year.
2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Zane Flores.