

ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 345

Introduced by Lowe, 37; Brewer, 43; Briese, 41; Halloran, 33; McCollister, 20; McKinney, 11; Murman, 38; Wayne, 13; Williams, 36.

WHEREAS, the University of Nebraska at Kearney Lopers men's wrestling team won the 2022 Division II National Championship in St. Louis on March 12; and

WHEREAS, this is the third wrestling national championship won by the Lopers and the first since 2013; and

WHEREAS, the Lopers sent nine wrestlers to nationals, the most in Division II, including Matt Malcom, Josh Portillo, Sam Turner, Wesley Dawkins, and Billy Higgins; and

WHEREAS, Matt Malcom won a second national championship in the 165-pound division by defeating the previously undefeated Shane Gantz of Wisconsin-Parkside; and

WHEREAS, Josh Portillo earned second place in the 125-pound division, Sam Turner earned second place in the 149-pound division, Wesley Dawkins earned third place in the 133-pound division, and Billy Higgins earned third place in the 184-pound division; and

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

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates the University of Nebraska at Kearney men's wrestling team on winning the 2022 Division II National Championship.

2. That copies of this resolution be sent to the University of Nebraska at Kearney and the University of Nebraska at Kearney men's wrestling team.