

ONE HUNDRED SECOND LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 142

Introduced by Pankonin, 2.

WHEREAS, Lourdes Central Catholic High School in Nebraska City won the 2011 Nebraska Academic Decathlon State Championship in the small-school division; and

WHEREAS, to encourage academic versatility, the Academic Decathlon requires participants to prepare for ten academic events, which focus on a different theme each year; and

WHEREAS, many community members and school faculty helped students prepare for and practice speeches, interviewing skills, and essay writing; and

WHEREAS, the Academic Decathlon was founded in 1981 and has come to be recognized as the most prestigious high school academic team competition in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the team from Lourdes Central Catholic High School has qualified every year to compete at the state level since the team's inception at the school sixteen years ago; and

WHEREAS, for the past nine years, the team from Lourdes Central Catholic High School has been the state champion seven times and the runner-up twice; and

WHEREAS, over the years, students from Lourdes Central Catholic High School have been awarded over forty thousand dollars for their efforts.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates the Lourdes Central Catholic High School Academic Decathlon team and its coaches, Diana Harris, Mary Ann Liesemeyer, and Molley Reuland, on winning the 2011 Nebraska Academic Decathlon State Championship in the small-school division.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Lourdes Central Catholic High School Academic Decathlon team and its coaches, Diana Harris, Mary Ann Liesemeyer, and Molley Reuland.