

ONE HUNDRED SECOND LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 466

Introduced by Lambert, 2; Heidemann, 1.

WHEREAS, Lourdes Central Catholic High School in Nebraska City won the 2012 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 seventeen years ago; and

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

WHEREAS, the 2012 team from Lourdes Central Catholic High School had the second-highest score in the state for schools of all sizes; and

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

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates the Lourdes Central Catholic High School Academic Decathlon team and its coaches, Diana Harris, Mary Ann Liesemeyer, and Molly Reuland, on winning the 2012 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 Molly Reuland.