

ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 35

Introduced by Holdcroft, 36; Andersen, 49; Arch, 14; Rountree, 3; Sanders, 45.

WHEREAS, the 2024 Nebraska School Activities Association State Softball Championships were held from October 16 through October 21, 2024, at the Bill Smith Softball Complex in Hastings, Nebraska, and at Connie Claussen Field at the University of Nebraska-Omaha in Omaha, Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, the Gretna High School Dragons softball team competed in the 2024 Class A State Softball Championship; and

WHEREAS, the Dragons roared to an 8-0 six-inning victory over the Millard North Mustangs to win the 2024 Class A State Softball Championship; and

WHEREAS, Gretna's Alexis Jensen struck out fifteen batters, walked none, allowed just two singles in six scoreless innings of pitching, and blasted a three-run homer over the left-center field wall, ending the game in the bottom of the sixth inning due to the eight-run rule; and

WHEREAS, the Dragons dug in and endeavored relentlessly to win this championship after finishing as runner-up to Omaha Marian in 2022 and being beat out by Millard North for a spot in the championship game in 2023; and

WHEREAS, this championship is the first Class A State Softball Championship for the Dragons; and

WHEREAS, with the championship victory, the Dragons secured a 38-0 overall record and became the second Class A softball program to post a perfect season and just the third Class A softball team ever to be undefeated in a season; and

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

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates the Gretna High School Dragons softball team on winning the 2024 Nebraska School Activities Association Class

A State Softball Championship.

2. That copies of this resolution be sent to the Gretna High School Dragons softball team and head coach Bill Heard.