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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 44

2 BY DENNIS, JENKINS, SHOULTZ, and BERRY

3 A Resolution congratulating the University of Northern  
4 Iowa Panthers Women's Volleyball Team.

5 WHEREAS, the University of Northern Iowa Panthers  
6 Women's Volleyball Team was the 2002 Missouri Valley  
7 regular season champion, their fifth consecutive  
8 season title, with an overall record of 34-3, a top-  
9 ten ranking in the final Division I Coaches poll, and  
10 a number 1 regional seed and number 4 seed overall in  
11 the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA)  
12 Division I Championship Tournament; and

13 WHEREAS, the University of Northern Iowa Panthers  
14 Women's Volleyball Team was also champion of the 2002  
15 Missouri Valley Conference Tournament, George Mason  
16 Tournament, Minnesota Diet Coke Classic Tournament,  
17 and Southeastern Conference Challenge Tournament and  
18 advanced to the Sweet 16 in the NCAA Division I  
19 Tournament; and

20 WHEREAS, the Panthers defeated five top 20 rated  
21 teams, including number 3 Florida, number 7 University  
22 of California at Los Angeles, number 8 Pepperdine,  
23 number 20 Minnesota, and number 20 Missouri; and

24 WHEREAS, Panther Coach Bobbi Petersen, herself a  
25 star player on the Panthers team during her student  
26 years, was named Central Region Coach of the Year in  
27 2001 and 2002 and 2002 National Coach of the Year in  
28 her second full season as head coach; and

29 WHEREAS, various Panther players received athletic  
30 honors, with one player selected as the Missouri

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1 Valley Conference Player of the Year and as an All-  
2 American Third Team player, three players selected as  
3 All-Region First Team Players, five players selected  
4 as Missouri Valley Conference First or Second Team  
5 Players, three players selected as Missouri Valley  
6 Conference Scholar-Athletes First Team Players, one  
7 player selected to CoSIDA/Verizon Academic District  
8 and All-American Teams, one player selected to the  
9 Missouri Valley Conference All-Newcomer Team, three  
10 players selected to the Missouri Valley Conference  
11 All-Tournament Team including one player selected as  
12 most valuable player, and one player invited to join  
13 with the United States of America Volleyball Women's  
14 National Training Team in spring 2003; NOW THEREFORE,

15 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
16 That the House of Representatives congratulates the  
17 University of Northern Iowa Panthers Women's  
18 Volleyball Team, Head Coach Bobbi Petersen, and the  
19 coaching staff on their successful season, thanks them  
20 for the honor and excitement they brought to the State  
21 of Iowa, and wishes them the very best in the future;  
22 and

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That, upon adoption, the  
24 Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives shall  
25 prepare a copy of this Resolution for presentation to  
26 Coach Bobbi Petersen and the University of Northern  
27 Iowa Panthers Women's Volleyball Team.

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