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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 31

BY REDFERN and DOTZLER

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, various Panther players received athletic 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 SENATE, That the Senate
16 congratulates the University of Northern Iowa Panthers
17 Women's Volleyball Team, Head Coach Bobbi Petersen,
18 and the coaching staff on their successful season,
19 thanks them for the honor and excitement they brought
20 to the State of Iowa, and wishes them the very best in
21 the future; and

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

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