

House Resolution 142 - Introduced

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 142

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1 A Resolution to honor the University of Northern Iowa's
2 Women's Rugby Club.

3 WHEREAS, there are over 300 women's college
4 rugby teams in the United States, and the University
5 of Northern Iowa's (UNI) Women's Rugby Club has
6 consistently been one of the best; and

7 WHEREAS, the club was formed in 1994, and is the
8 premier club in Iowa, nationally recognized for the
9 numerous accomplishments and achievements of the
10 players and volunteer coaching staff; and

11 WHEREAS, for nine years the club has played in
12 Division I competition, moving up in 2004 from Division
13 II, where the club won two national titles; and

14 WHEREAS, the club has qualified for the Division I
15 National Sweet Sixteen for eight consecutive years and
16 will be competing in the event again this year on April
17 20-22 in Ohio; and

18 WHEREAS, UNI won the Division I Midwest Championship
19 in 2006, 2008, 2010, and 2011, compiling an overall
20 record of 315 wins and 50 losses over 18 years; and

21 WHEREAS, UNI has had three players participate in

1 the World Cup; two alumni play for the USA Senior
2 Women's Eagles, with one currently playing; and nine
3 women play for the USA U23 Women's Eagles team; and

4 WHEREAS, several UNI players have advanced to the
5 regional and national levels, with over 30 players from
6 the UNI club participating on the Midwest U23 All-Star
7 team, five players being a part of the USA U19 Women's
8 Eagles, over 100 players participating in the Iowa
9 Select Side Program, and six players representing UNI
10 on the collegiate All-American First Team; and

11 WHEREAS, the UNI club regularly competes against
12 much larger schools including Ohio State, the
13 University of Minnesota, the University of Illinois,
14 and Iowa State University in the Division I arena,
15 while the national competition includes Penn State,
16 Stanford, Texas A & M, and the Air Force; and

17 WHEREAS, Steve Murra has been the only head coach
18 since the club's inception, with Jennifer Murra acting
19 as assistant coach, manager, and advisor to the club
20 since its inception; NOW THEREFORE,

21 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, That
22 the House of Representatives honors the young women of
23 the University of Northern Iowa's Women's Rugby Club,
24 and coaches Steve Murra and Jennifer Murra, for the
25 remarkable and ongoing success of the UNI women's rugby
26 program.