

House Resolution 109 - Introduced

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 109

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STANERSON, BENNETT, MAXWELL, BEST, THEDE, NUNN,
RUFF, DUNKEL, and GASSMAN

1 A Resolution recognizing and congratulating the Grand
2 View University Wrestling Team and program on its
3 outstanding athletic achievements.

4 WHEREAS, the 59th annual National Association of
5 Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) Wrestling National
6 Championships were held March 4-5, 2016, in Topeka,
7 Kansas; and

8 WHEREAS, the Grand View University Wrestling Team
9 (the Vikings) claimed three national champions, four
10 runners-up, and 10 All-America honors en route to 210
11 points for the championship title; and

12 WHEREAS, the national champion titles and
13 All-America honors were won by Jacob Colon at 133
14 pounds, Michael Pixley at 184 pounds, and Dean
15 Broghammer at 285 pounds; and

16 WHEREAS, national runners-up and All-America honors
17 were bestowed on Grant Henderson at 157 pounds, Dallas
18 Houchins at 165 pounds, Lawton Benna at 174 pounds, and
19 Grant Harrill at 197 pounds; and

20 WHEREAS, additional All-America honors were earned
21 by Godwin Cutler at 133 pounds, Walker Marshall at 141
22 pounds, and Tanner Werner at 157 pounds; and

23 WHEREAS, the championship total of 210 points

1 eclipsed the previous scoring record of 193 points; and

2 WHEREAS, the Vikings are the first team in NAIA
3 history to win five consecutive national titles and
4 only the fifth program in collegiate wrestling history
5 to win five or more consecutive championships; and

6 WHEREAS, Head Coach Nick Mitchell has been voted
7 NAIA 2016 National Wrestling Coach of the Year, the
8 fourth such honor during his eight-year career at Grand
9 View University; and

10 WHEREAS, the Vikings won the divisional title at the
11 National Wrestling Coaches Association Multi-Divisional
12 National Duals conducted in honor of Cliff Keen, held
13 on January 9, 2016, in Fort Wayne, Indiana, and were
14 undefeated in dual action; and

15 WHEREAS, the Vikings won the first-ever Heart of
16 America Conference Dual Championships, held on January
17 30, 2016, in Lamoni, Iowa, at which Michael Pixley was
18 named the Heart Newcomer of the Year and Head Coach
19 Mitchell was named the Heart Coach of the Year; and

20 WHEREAS, the Vikings won their sixth consecutive
21 Central National Qualifying Tournament team title, held
22 on February 20, 2016, in Marshall, Missouri, at which
23 Tanner Werner was named the tournament's outstanding
24 wrestler and Head Coach Mitchell was named Coach of the
25 Year for the sixth time in his career at Grand View
26 University; NOW THEREFORE,

27 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
28 That the House of Representatives recognizes and
29 congratulates the Grand View University Wrestling Team
30 and program on its outstanding achievements; and

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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this
2 resolution be sent to Grand View University Wrestling
3 Team Head Coach Nick Mitchell and Grand View University
4 President Kent Henning.