

Senate Resolution 17 - Introduced

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 17

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1 A Resolution recognizing and congratulating Drew
2 Foster on winning the 2019 National Collegiate
3 Athletic Association Division I Wrestling National
4 Championship in the 184-pound weight class.

5 WHEREAS, Drew Foster became the University of
6 Northern Iowa's (UNI) first national champion at the
7 2019 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division
8 I Wrestling Championships since 2000; and

9 WHEREAS, Foster is a native of Burlington, Iowa, and
10 graduated from Mediapolis High School; and

11 WHEREAS, Foster is the son of Don and Karissa Foster
12 and has a brother, Klay Foster; and

13 WHEREAS, in high school, Foster was a four-sport
14 student-athlete, competing in football, wrestling,
15 track, and soccer; and

16 WHEREAS, Foster set several wrestling records and
17 achieved numerous wrestling awards in high school
18 including a six-second pin that broke his high
19 school record and a single-season win record with 54
20 victories; and

21 WHEREAS, Foster was a three-time high school
22 wrestling state medalist placing second as a senior,
23 seventh as a junior, and third as a sophomore; and

24 WHEREAS, Foster continued his wrestling career by
25 attending and becoming a wrestler at UNI; and

26 WHEREAS, as a senior at UNI, Foster lost just
27 five matches all year, including a loss to the other
28 national championship finalist at the 184-pound weight

1 class, Max Dean; and

2 WHEREAS, prior to this year's national championship
3 tournament, Foster had won one of his three matches
4 against Max Dean; and

5 WHEREAS, during this year's national championship,
6 Foster defeated four top-15 opponents and earned bonus
7 points in his opening rounds to help UNI secure its
8 best team finish since 2003; and

9 WHEREAS, Foster received his second All-American
10 honor this year, recognizing the top eight placers at
11 the national championship, to go along with his first
12 All-American received in 2017; and

13 WHEREAS, Foster is among 14 other wrestlers who have
14 now combined for 22 wrestling titles at UNI; and

15 WHEREAS, Foster is UNI's first wrestler to be a
16 two-time Big 12 champion; and

17 WHEREAS, Foster earned All-Big 12 academic honors
18 this year; and

19 WHEREAS, Foster will finish with a 95-35 career
20 record, 29-15 record in duals, and a 10-2 record in Big
21 12 duals at UNI; and

22 WHEREAS, Foster is following in his mother's
23 footsteps as an elementary and mid-level education
24 major in hopes of someday becoming a school principal
25 or school district superintendent; and

26 WHEREAS, Foster intends to pursue wrestling
27 professionally while finishing his student teaching at
28 UNI in the fall of 2019; NOW THEREFORE,

29 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the Senate
30 recognizes and congratulates Drew Foster on his

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- 1 outstanding achievements at the 2019 National
- 2 Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Wrestling
- 3 Championship by placing first in the 184-pound weight
- 4 class.