HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 13 BY GAINES

1 A Resolution honoring and congratulating the Grand 2 View University wrestling team on its outstanding 3 National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Wrestling National Championship win. 4 5 WHEREAS, on March 4, 2023, the Grand View Vikings 6 wrestling team (the Vikings) won the National 7 Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) 8 Wrestling Competition for a historic 11th time; and WHEREAS, the Vikings finished with a total score of 9 10 206 team points, 48.5 points ahead of the second place 11 team and 116 points ahead of third; and 12 WHEREAS, three of the Vikings were crowned as 13 national champions: Shea Ruffridge at 141 pounds, 14 Owen Braungardt at 197 pounds, and Greg Hagan at 285 15 pounds; and WHEREAS, 11 of the Vikings gained All-American 16 17 honors and finished in sixth place or better in their 18 weight classes; and WHEREAS, Shea Ruffridge helped solidify the Vikings' 19 20 victory when he upset Baterden Boldmaa, a three-time 21 national champion with 100 consecutive wins, and then 22 continued on to win the national title; and 23 WHEREAS, coach Nick Mitchell was named the 2023 NAIA 24 National Coach of the Year, his sixth such honor as the 25 Vikings' head coach; NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, That 26 27 the House of Representatives honors and congratulates 28 the Grand View Vikings wrestling team on its

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1 impressive achievements in NAIA wrestling by winning
2 an unprecedented 11th NAIA wrestling championship
3 title; and

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That upon passage, the Chief 5 Clerk of the House of Representatives shall transmit 6 copies of this resolution to the Grand View Vikings 7 wrestling team head coach Nick Mitchell and Grand View 8 University President Rachelle Keck.