

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 21
2 BY RICHARDSON and BELL
3 A Resolution honoring Nick Ackerman on his athletic
4 achievements.
5 WHEREAS, Nick Ackerman compiled a record of 71 wins
6 and 38 losses as a wrestler for Colfax-Mingo High
7 School, including 32 wins and eight losses his senior
8 year, during which he also placed sixth in the
9 Division 1A State Wrestling Tournament, despite
10 fracturing his wrist in a first round victory over a
11 previously undefeated opponent; and
12 WHEREAS, Nick Ackerman began his wrestling career
13 as a freshman at Simpson College with four pins, and
14 finished with a record of 15 wins and six losses,
15 including eight pins; and
16 WHEREAS, Nick Ackerman as a sophomore compiled a
17 record of 14 wins and 15 losses, and was awarded the
18 National Wrestling Hall of Fame's Medal of Courage for
19 overcoming seemingly insurmountable challenges; and
20 WHEREAS, Nick Ackerman as a junior led the Simpson
21 College wrestling team with a record of 28 wins,
22 including 11 pins, and 16 losses; and
23 WHEREAS, Nick Ackerman as a senior compiled a
24 record of 38 wins and four losses, including a 20-
25 match victory streak, and defeated the reigning
26 national champion by 13 points to 11 points to win the
27 NCAA Division III National Championship at 174 pounds,
28 and was named the tournament's outstanding wrestler;
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30 WHEREAS, Nick Ackerman achieved athletic excellence

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1 despite the amputation of both of his legs below the
2 knee, due to a childhood bout of bacterial meningitis;
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4 WHEREAS, with the support and inspiration of his
5 parents, Kurt and Cindy Ackerman, other family
6 members, friends, and coaches, Nick Ackerman never
7 learned that there might be limits to what he could
8 achieve; NOW THEREFORE,

9 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
10 That the House of Representatives recognizes and
11 extends its congratulations to Nick Ackerman for both
12 his outstanding athletic achievements and for the
13 lessons in fortitude and courage that his achievements
14 demonstrate.

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That when any member of the
16 General Assembly is tempted to give up while wrestling
17 with the great issues facing the State of Iowa, the
18 member should follow the example of Nick Ackerman and
19 overcome seemingly insurmountable challenges.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That, upon adoption, the
21 Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives shall
22 prepare official copies of this Resolution for
23 presentation to Nick Ackerman, Kurt and Cindy
24 Ackerman, Colfax-Mingo High School, and Simpson
25 College.

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