

118TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. RES. _____

A resolution recognizing women's collegiate athletics and the record-setting Volleyball Day in Nebraska event on August 30, 2023.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mrs. FISCHER (for herself and Mr. RICKETTS) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on _____

RESOLUTION

A resolution recognizing women's collegiate athletics and the record-setting Volleyball Day in Nebraska event on August 30, 2023.

Whereas Volleyball Day in Nebraska was held in Memorial Stadium in Lincoln, Nebraska, on August 30, 2023, with 92,003 people in attendance;

Whereas Volleyball Day in Nebraska set a new world record for attendance at a women's sporting event, exceeding the previous record of 91,648 at the 2022 soccer match between Barcelona and Wolfsburg;

Whereas Volleyball Day in Nebraska included student-athletes from 4 teams representing the University of Nebraska in Lincoln, the University of Nebraska at Omaha, the University of Nebraska at Kearney, and Wayne State College;

Whereas Volleyball Day in Nebraska set a new record for National Collegiate Athletic Association (referred to in this resolution as the “NCAA”) women’s volleyball attendance, exceeding the previous record of 18,755 and the NCAA women’s volleyball regular-season record of 16,833;

Whereas Volleyball Day in Nebraska also set a new record for attendance in Nebraska’s Memorial Stadium, exceeding the previous record of 91,585 set in 2014;

Whereas the University of Nebraska volleyball program started in 1975, led by Coach Pat Sullivan;

Whereas Coach Terry Pettit built the University of Nebraska volleyball program from 1977 to 1999, accumulating a 694-148-12 record, winning 21 conference championships, and winning the 1995 national championship;

Whereas, since 2000, Coach John Cook has sustained excellence in the University of Nebraska volleyball program by accumulating a 656-98 record, winning 4 national championships, obtaining 3 national runner-up finishes, and appearing in 22 consecutive NCAA tournaments;

Whereas the University of Nebraska volleyball team has over 300 consecutive sellouts, the longest sellout streak of any NCAA women’s sport;

Whereas the University of Nebraska athletic programs create pride and joy both on the fields of play and in the hearts of alumni and fans, and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln leads the United States with 351 Academic All-Americans;

Whereas more than 200,000 alumni residing in all 50 States and in countries around the world are proud to call the University of Nebraska their alma mater; and

Whereas there is no place like Nebraska: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) congratulates the University of Nebraska,
3 women’s volleyball players, and their supporters in
4 setting these records on Volleyball Day in Nebraska;

5 (2) recognizes the impact of the record-setting
6 Volleyball Day in Nebraska on young women, inspir-
7 ing them to pursue their aspirations as athletes and
8 individuals; and

9 (3) respectfully requests that the Secretary of
10 the Senate send—

11 (A) 1 copy of this resolution to Nebraska
12 Governor Jim Pillen;

13 (B) 1 copy of this resolution to University
14 of Nebraska System President Ted Carter and
15 University of Nebraska-Lincoln Chancellor Rod-
16 ney Bennett; and

17 (C) 1 copy of this resolution to University
18 of Nebraska-Lincoln Vice Chancellor for Ath-
19 letics Trev Alberts, University of Nebraska-Lin-
20 coln Volleyball Coach John Cook, former Uni-
21 versity of Nebraska-Lincoln Volleyball Coach
22 Terry Pettit, and former University of Ne-
23 braska-Lincoln Volleyball Coach Pat Sullivan.