

Big Game Bar, but this year they distinguished themselves by winning the Class D-1 State Championship. It's the first state championship won by the Paxton Tiger's boys' basketball team. And I offer this resolution to commend them for their sportsmanship, determination and dedication, and to congratulate not only the team and their parents, but also their coach, Jody Rhodes.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Matzke. LR 79.

ASSISTANT CLERK: LR 79 was introduced by Senator Maurstad. It's found on in the Journal on page 1125.

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Maurstad.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Madam President, members of the Legislature, first of all I'd like to lend my personal sympathy to the Carl Maltas family. As...serving as Mayor of Beatrice I had the opportunity to work with Mayor Maltas on a number of occasions in his work. He was a quality individual and will certainly be sorely missed by the community of Norfolk and the State of Nebraska. I also want to indicate that I'm disappointed that Senator Schellpeper didn't include me in his resolution relative to Laurel-Concord. As most of you all know by now I do a little basketball officiating on the side and was able to officiate in the first round game of the Laurel-Concord drive to their state championship. And it was certainly a privilege to work that game. They were a fine group of young men and also had a very, very supportive crowd that everybody would be proud of. Of course, I was also surprised that Senator Dierks didn't give me a bad time for only working half of Elgin's first round game. I was assigned the Elgin basketball game on Thursday, and unfortunately due to old age and lack of physical condition, had some troubles with my hamstrings and was only able to go the first half of that ball game, but they also had a fine team. Want to extend my congratulations to the Elgin team. Now, LR 79, it's with a great deal of pride that I offer this resolution to congratulate the Norris High School basketball team on their stellar...

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Matzke, (gavel).

SENATOR MAURSTAD: ...24 and 1, their stellar 24 and 1 basketball season. Their only loss coming to the 18 and 3 Beatrice Orangemen. Unfortunately for those individuals from