

ONE HUNDRED FIFTH LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 312

Introduced by Brasch, 16; Albrecht, 17; Baker, 30; Blood, 3; Bolz, 29; Bostelman, 23; Brewer, 43; Briese, 41; Chambers, 11; Clements, 2; Crawford, 45; Ebke, 32; Erdman, 47; Friesen, 34; Geist, 25; Groene, 42; Hansen, 26; Harr, 8; Hilgers, 21; Hilkemann, 4; Hughes, 44; Kolowski, 31; Kolterman, 24; Krist, 10; Kuehn, 38; Larson, 40; Lindstrom, 18; Linehan, 39; Lowe, 37; McCollister, 20; McDonnell, 5; Morfeld, 46; Pansing Brooks, 28; Quick, 35; Riepe, 12; Scheer, 19; Schumacher, 22; Smith, 14; Stinner, 48; Thibodeau, 6; Vargas, 7; Walz, 15; Watermeier, 1; Williams, 36; Howard, 9; Halloran, 33; Wishart, 27; Murante, 49.

WHEREAS, James Meiergerd has garnered national attention for a backward half-court basket made during halftime at the West Point-Beemer v. Wisner-Pilger high school boys' basketball game on January 5, 2018; and

WHEREAS, James is a senior at West Point-Beemer High School who suits up for the junior varsity basketball team and goes to all of the varsity games to root for his friends. Fellow senior Greg Johnson said of James, "He's really the heart and soul of this basketball team"; and

WHEREAS, two friends, including Manny Barragan, went to the floor with James encouraging him to try the trick shot he had been practicing. After making the basket with the crowd cheering him on, James hugged his friends and ran to the student section where he was embraced by classmates; and

WHEREAS, Orlando Melendez of the Harlem Globetrotters went to West Point-Beemer to personally invite James to be an honorary member of the Globetrotters when they play in Omaha on April 6, 2018; and

WHEREAS, West Point-Beemer held a pep rally with Orlando Melendez and more than eight hundred students from grade school through high school. At the pep rally, James made the shot again with Orlando Melendez watching, Manny Barragan by his side, and the students cheering.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

1. That the Legislature congratulates James Meiergerd for his incredible backward half-court shot and for being named an honorary member of the Harlem

Globetrotters.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to James Meiergerd and Orlando Melendez.