



HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 01-1039

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also SENATOR(S) Pascoe, .

CONCERNING RECOGNITION OF THE 2001 UNIVERSITY OF DENVER WOMEN'S GYMNASTICS TEAM.

WHEREAS, There are 90 institutions of higher education in the United States that have a women's gymnastics program; and

WHEREAS, The University of Denver is one of only 2 colleges in the state of Colorado that sponsors a women's gymnastics team; and

WHEREAS, The University of Denver athletes must qualify for admission to the school based on high academic standards; and

WHEREAS, As a team, the University of Denver women gymnasts earned a 3.3 grade point average last year, demonstrating their outstanding commitment as student athletes; and

WHEREAS, The University of Denver women's gymnastics team has 2 local athletes who graduated from Colorado high schools; and

WHEREAS, During the course of the regular gymnastics season, the University of Denver women gymnasts set 2 individual school records and 3 team records; and

WHEREAS, After losing 5 senior team members last year, this young and relatively inexperienced team showed the maturity and fortitude it takes to be one of the NCAA's best women's gymnastics teams; and

WHEREAS, A member of the University of Denver women's gymnastics team won the individual all-around title at the 2001 North Central Regional Championships; and

WHEREAS, The University of Denver women's gymnastics team placed 2nd at the 2001 NCAA North Central Regional Championships, thereby qualifying as one of 12 teams at the NCAA National Collegiate Women's Gymnastics Championships in Athens, Georgia, April 19-21, 2001; [REDACTED]

WHEREAS, This is the first time in collegiate history that a small, private school has qualified for the National Collegiate Women's Gymnastics Championships; [REDACTED]

WHEREAS, The University of Denver women's gymnastics team finished 12th at the NCAA National Collegiate Women's Gymnastics Championships; and

WHEREAS, A member of the University of Denver women's gymnastics team earned Second Team All-American honors on the vault; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Sixty-third General Assembly of the State of Colorado, the Senate concurring herein:

That we, the members of the Sixty-third General Assembly, hereby honor the hard work, dedication, and team unity that propelled the members of the University of Denver women's gymnastics team to the NCAA National Collegiate Women's Gymnastics Championships.

Be It Further Resolved, That copies of this Joint Resolution be sent to the University of Denver women's gymnastics team and their head coach, Melissa Kutcher-Rinehart.

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APPROVED _____

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