

ONE HUNDRED FIRST LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 100

Introduced by Howard, 9.

WHEREAS, the first all-grades public school in Nebraska was opened in 1859 in Omaha by superintendent of education, Howard Kennedy; and

WHEREAS, a separate Omaha High School was completed in 1871 on the grounds of the former Nebraska Territorial Capitol; and

WHEREAS, Omaha High School changed its name to Central High School in 1915; and

WHEREAS, the Central High School Register is the oldest continuously-published school newspaper west of the Mississippi River; and

WHEREAS, the National Honor Society, which honors student scholastic achievement, was created by Central High School Principal J. G. Masters, and Central High School was granted the second chapter in the nation in 1921; and

WHEREAS, Central High School was one of the first high schools in the nation to offer advanced placement courses in 1956; and

WHEREAS, Central High School's distinguished alumni over the past 150 years include founders of Fortune 500 companies, United States Senators and Congressmen, an Academy Award winner, distinguished military leaders, philanthropists, educators, medical

researchers, scientists, award-winning authors, and three Nobel Prize winners; and

WHEREAS, Central High School continues its 150-year tradition of providing excellence in education to a diverse student body of 2,500 which includes international students from all over the world.

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

1. That the Legislature recognizes and congratulates the faculty, students, parents, and alumni of Central High School on its 150th anniversary in 2009.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Central High School.