

ONE HUNDRED FIRST LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 311

Introduced by Flood, 19.

WHEREAS, the NEBRASKALand Foundation, on Saturday, February 27, 2010, at the annual Statehood Day Dinner held in the Nebraska State Capitol, will present the Distinguished NEBRASKALander Award, along with the Wagonmaster, Trailblazer, and Pioneer Awards; and

WHEREAS, the Wagonmaster Award is presented to Dick Mercer, a resident of Kearney who has a distinguished career as a progressive farmer, cattleman, and steward of our soil and water resources. He has served as chairman of the Central Platte Natural Resources District, as a longtime natural resources district board member, as president of the Nebraska Livestock Feeders, and as a member of the Nebraska Environmental Trust Board. He has received various awards including the Farm Family of the Year, Nebraska Cattleman of the Year, Knights of Ak-Sar-Ben Court of Honor, and the Public Service to Agriculture Award; and

WHEREAS, the Pioneer Award is presented to Maxine Moul, a resident of Lincoln who was recently appointed by President Barack Obama to serve as the Nebraska State Director of the United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development. Maxine has founded a printing and publishing firm in Syracuse, served as Lieutenant Governor under former Governor Ben Nelson from 1991-93, directed

the Department of Economic Development from 1993-99, served as chief executive officer of the Nebraska Community Foundation, and served as coordinator of EndowNebraska; and

WHEREAS, the Trailblazer Award is presented to Dick Davis, a resident of Omaha who has distinguished himself as an athlete, school administrator, businessman, entrepreneur, and education advocate. Following his National Football League playing days, he was an Omaha Public Schools administrator, an executive with Northern Plains Natural Gas Company, and currently is chief executive officer of Davis Companies; and

WHEREAS, the Distinguished NEBRASKALander Award is presented to Dick Holland, a resident of Omaha whose philanthropic actions have forever changed the way of life in Omaha and the state. The focus of his giving, and before her death, the focus of his wife Mary's giving, as well, is on children and the arts. The generous giving of the Hollands has resulted in the Holland Performing Arts Center, the Holland Computing Center at the Peter Kiewit Institute, an expansion to the Child Saving Institute, and most recently, the Building Bright Futures Educational Initiative.

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

1. That the Legislature extends its appreciation to the honorees for their service to the State of Nebraska.

2. That a copy of this resolution be given to all honorees.