

ONE HUNDRED FIRST LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 570

Introduced by Rogert, 16.

WHEREAS, the village of Pender in Nebraska is celebrating its 125th anniversary this year. The lot for the townsite of Pender was recorded on December 8, 1884, and the lot sale was conducted on April 7, 1885; and

WHEREAS, the village of Pender was founded by W. E. Peebles. Originally named Athens just three miles south of its present location, the current village is named after John Pender, an Englishman who was a cable builder and director of the Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis and Omaha Railroad; and

WHEREAS, the village of Pender has 1,148 residents and is located in Thurston County. It is the county seat and the first established town in Thurston County; and

WHEREAS, members elected to the Pender Board of Trustees include Chairman Arden Shadbolt, Tom Nitzschke, Marvin Kubik, Mark Kinning, and Steven Goodman; and

WHEREAS, notable persons from the village of Pender include Maurice Pate (October 14, 1894 - January 19, 1965), a co-founder for the United Nations Children's Fund in 1947, Loren Miller (January 20, 1903 - July 14, 1967), who served as a Superior Court Justice, and Monty Budwig (December 26, 1926 - March 9, 1992), a jazz double bassist who is known for his work with Vince

Guaraldi; and

WHEREAS, entertainment in the village of Pender originated at the Opera House, which promoted dance and theater, and this house still exists today. The Best Little Playhouse is provided for community theater productions, and events such as Thurston Watermelon Days are held for community entertainment; and

WHEREAS, the village of Pender encourages and fosters sporting events such as football, baseball, softball, volleyball, and track events. The residents of Pender also enjoy a local golf course, swimming pool, and park that promote community activity and family recreation. Area camping and outdoor wildlife recreation are also available for tourism and leisure; and

WHEREAS, the village of Pender has been a thriving community for 125 years and is celebrating its 125th anniversary. The quasiquicentennial events will begin June 20, 2010, and end June 27, 2010, with a closing ceremony.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates the village of Pender on its 125th anniversary.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Pender Board of Trustees, Chairman Arden Shadbolt, Tom Nitzschke, Marvin Kubik, Mark Kinning, and Steven Goodman.