

ONE HUNDRED FIRST LEGISLATURE

FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 6

Introduced by Stuthman, 22.

WHEREAS, Joseph "Big Joe" Siedlik was raised in the ethnic neighborhoods of South Omaha, where his Polish roots influenced his interest in many kinds of polka music; and

WHEREAS, Big Joe's interest in polka music led him to Columbus, Nebraska, in 1965, where he broadcast the sounds of Polish, Czech, and German polkas over the radio waves on the Big Joe Polka Show and soon after was on the air across central and eastern Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, after twenty-five years of radio broadcasts, Big Joe moved to television, where to this day the Big Joe Polka Show is viewed by polka lovers of all ages; and

WHEREAS, Big Joe was recently given recognition by the Polka Lovers of America for his fifty-plus years of promoting polka music across America.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates Joseph "Big Joe" Siedlik for his lifetime of achievement and thanks him for his contributions to and promotion of various ethnic cultures throughout the State of Nebraska.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Joseph "Big

Joe" Siedlik.