ONE HUNDRED SECOND LEGISLATURE

FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 22

Introduced by Nordquist, 7; Adams, 24; Ashford, 20; Council, 11; Harr, 8; Howard, 9; Mello, 5. WHEREAS, Luisa Palomo was selected by a panel of Nebraska educators as the 2012 Nebraska Teacher of the Year; and

WHEREAS, in her eight years as a kindergarten teacher at Liberty Elementary in Omaha Public Schools, Luisa has demonstrated an exceptional ability to inspire her students; and

WHEREAS, Luisa's dedication to her students is evidenced by her support for the "whole child" as well as their families; and

WHEREAS, Luisa's commitment extends beyond the classroom as she works to engage community organizations and partners in providing a diverse and well-rounded educational experience for her students; and

WHEREAS, Luisa has built a strong academic career at Nebraska educational institutions, earning her bachelor's degree in elementary education from Creighton University, a master's degree in educational administration from the University of Nebraska at Omaha, and a teaching endorsement from Concordia University, Nebraska in English as a second language; and

WHEREAS, Luisa was previously honored as one of Omaha's best teachers with the Alice Buffett Outstanding Teacher Award in 2010, and she will represent Nebraska in the national teacher of the year competition later this year. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SPECIAL SESSION:

1. That the Legislature congratulates Luisa Palomo on receiving the 2012 Nebraska Teacher of the Year Award and expresses its gratitude for her dedication to our state's future.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Luisa Palomo.