

ONE HUNDRED SECOND LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 31

Introduced by Avery, 28; Campbell, 25; Coash, 27; Conrad, 46; Fulton, 29; Haar, 21; McGill, 26; Wallman, 30.

WHEREAS, Leola Bullock was born in Meadville, Mississippi, on January 19, 1929, to Charlie and Mary (Jackson) Fells, attended Jackson State College, and moved to Lincoln in 1950 after her marriage to the late Hugh B. Bullock; and

WHEREAS, Leola became a passionate social justice and civil rights activist in Lincoln after living in segregation in both Mississippi and Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, Leola strived for a multicultural society, often participating in picket lines, striving for equal representation in school textbooks, and providing a voice for minority representation to law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, Leola served as the president of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and served on the boards of Nebraskans for Peace, the Clyde Malone Community Center, Nebraskans Against the Death Penalty, the Lincoln Justice Committee to Free Ed Poindexter and Mondo We Langa, the YWCA, and the Training Teachers of Teachers Project at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln; and

WHEREAS, Leola's numerous awards for excellence in social justice include the 1985 Nebraska African-American Woman of the Year, the 1996 Racial Justice Award, the 1998 Community Service Award, the 1999 Chancellor's Fulfilling the Dream Award, the 2002 Lenora Letcher Community

Award, the 2004 Nebraskan of the Year, the 2005 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Living the Dream Award, and in 2008 the Community Service Award, which was later named the Leola Bullock Community Service Award; and

WHEREAS, Leola's legacy continues to exist in Lincoln. In 1989, Lincoln Public Schools established the Leola Bullock Multicultural Award, which continues to be awarded annually; and

WHEREAS, Leola Bullock passed away on October 17, 2010, at the age of eighty-one.

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

1. That the Legislature honors the lifetime achievements of Leola Bullock.

2. That the Legislature extends its sympathy and condolences to the family of Leola Bullock.

3. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the family of Leola Bullock.