

## ONE HUNDRED SECOND LEGISLATURE

## FIRST SESSION

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 339**

Introduced by Hadley, 37.

WHEREAS, Geraldine Stirtz, coordinator of the Office for Service-Learning at the University of Nebraska at Kearney, received the 2011 Excellence in National Service Award; and

WHEREAS, this award from the Nebraska Volunteer Service Commission was presented to Ms. Stirtz by Sally Ganem, Nebraska's first lady, during the First Lady's Outstanding Community Service Awards Luncheon in Lincoln; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Stirtz has been coordinator for the Office for Service-Learning since 1990. As coordinator, she recruits and oversees the AmeriCorps program on campus. AmeriCorps is often described as the "domestic Peace Corps"; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Stirtz has also been an integral part of the Midwest Consortium for Service-Learning in Higher Education, providing leadership and grant-writing skills that produced financial support for the programs; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Stirtz created an online graduate credit course for instructors to learn and apply service-learning in their own classrooms. In addition, she has coordinated and conducted professional development for faculty at the University of Nebraska at Kearney to bring service-learning into their coursework; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Stirtz has also served on the board of the Kearney Concert Association and has been a part of the Axtell Oratorio Society for many years. Both organizations use volunteers to bring music and entertainment to central Nebraska. She has also worked with United Way of the Kearney Area to use Service-Learning Pro, a tracking system for volunteer hours that is also being used on the campus of the University of Nebraska at Kearney to assist instructors in helping students track their volunteer hours; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Stirtz is a tireless advocate for volunteerism and service on the campus of the University of Nebraska at Kearney and in the surrounding community.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates Geraldine Stirtz on receiving the 2011 Excellence in National Service Award.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Geraldine Stirtz.