

ONE HUNDRED SECOND LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 396

Introduced by Flood, 19.

WHEREAS, the NEBRASKALAND Foundation on Saturday, March 3, 2012, at the annual Statehood Day Dinner held in the Nebraska State Capitol, presents the Distinguished NEBRASKALANDER Award to three honorees; and

WHEREAS, a Distinguished NEBRASKALANDER Award is presented to Ken Gnadt of Grand Island, who has been an active force in government and civic affairs in central Nebraska. Serving as Grand Island mayor from 1994 to 2002, he was instrumental in securing the Interstate 80 South Locust interchange, instituting the Wood River Flood Control Project, building the Heartland Events Center, and preserving the Case-IH manufacturing plant. He has been active in Rotary, the Grand Island Chamber of Commerce, Husker Harvest Days, the Stuhr Museum, and the relocation of the Nebraska State Fair to Grand Island; and

WHEREAS, a Distinguished NEBRASKALANDER Award is presented to David Karnes of Omaha, who has had a distinguished career in the practice of law, government service, and business. He has been with the Kutak Rock law firm since 1989 and has served on the board of directors of numerous companies. He is a former United States Senator from Nebraska, and his federal government experience includes positions with the Federal Home Loan Bank, White House, and United States Advisory Committee for Trade Policy and Negotiations. He has been involved in a wide range of civic organizations, including founding Liz's Legacy Fund for cancer research; and

WHEREAS, a Distinguished NEBRASKALander Award is presented to Roger Wehrbein of Plattsmouth, who has displayed outstanding political and civic leadership for Nebraska and his community. He served twenty years in the Nebraska Legislature and was a longtime Appropriations Committee chairperson. He has been an avid supporter of higher education, agriculture, economic development, ethanol, and wind energy. He served as a Cass County commissioner and has been active in economic development efforts in the county. A farmer and livestock producer, he has been a strong advocate of agriculture through numerous organizations.

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

1. That the Legislature extends its appreciation to the aforesaid honorees for their service to the State of Nebraska.

2. That a copy of this resolution be given to all honorees.