

## ONE HUNDRED SECOND LEGISLATURE

## FIRST SESSION

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 41**

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WHEREAS, Theodore "Ted" C. Sorensen, a Nebraska native, a graduate of Lincoln High School, and an alumnus of the University of Nebraska and the University of Nebraska College of Law, died October 31, 2010, at the age of eighty-two; and

WHEREAS, Ted Sorensen was born to a family dedicated to public service, with his father, Christian Sorensen, serving as Nebraska's Attorney General from 1929-1933 and his brother, Philip Sorensen, serving as Nebraska's Lieutenant Governor from 1965-1967; and

WHEREAS, Ted Sorensen took great pride in his Nebraska roots and was a dedicated supporter of the University of Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, as a young lawyer, Ted Sorensen left Nebraska for Washington, D.C., and was hired by John F. Kennedy, the newly elected United States Senator from Massachusetts; and

WHEREAS, Ted Sorensen became a trusted advisor, speechwriter, counselor, confidante, and friend to President John F. Kennedy; and

WHEREAS, Ted Sorensen helped lead this country as an advisor in both domestic and foreign policy to President Kennedy's administration during defining moments in our nation's history; and

WHEREAS, Ted Sorensen was a brilliant and accomplished author whose words helped to inspire a generation through President Kennedy's speeches and also captured history through his integral role in the composition of President Kennedy's Pulitzer Prize-winning Profiles in Courage, as well as Sorensen's own works, including the biography Kennedy and his memoir, Counselor: A Life at the Edge of History; and

WHEREAS, Ted Sorensen was awarded a National Humanities Medal in 2009 for advancing the understanding of modern politics; and

WHEREAS, Ted Sorensen was an accomplished lawyer and a Democratic political strategist whose legacy will be the power of his words and the people they inspired; and

WHEREAS, Ted Sorensen is survived by his wife, Gillian, his daughter, Juliet, and his sons, Eric, Stephen, and Philip.

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

1. That the Legislature honors the memory of Theodore "Ted" C. Sorensen and his many contributions and achievements.

2. That the Legislature expresses and extends its sympathy and condolences to the family of Ted Sorensen.

3. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the family of Ted Sorensen.