

ONE HUNDRED SECOND LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 443

Introduced by Campbell, 25.

WHEREAS, Charles J. Egr of Wahoo passed away Sunday, February 26, 2012; and

WHEREAS, born on July 4, 1925, to second-generation Nebraskans whose parents emigrated to the United States from Bohemia, Charles was intensely proud of his Czech heritage and spoke the language fluently. He grew up on the family farm near Prague and attended School District 84 in Plasi before being drafted into the United States Army in 1944. He served in Company E, 96th Infantry Division, of the 10th Army as a marksman and was gravely wounded in the Ryukyu Campaign on Okinawa in April 1945. After spending seven months in the hospital with both legs paralyzed, Charles was able to walk with the use of canes. His military honors included the Purple Heart, Bronze Campaign Star, Combat Infantry Badge, Good Conduct Ribbon, Victory Ribbon, and Asiatic Pacific Theater Ribbon; and

WHEREAS, after the war, Charles married June A. Voboril of Prague, and they raised their family in Saunders County, living in Prague where he operated a drug store and later worked at the United States Post Office before becoming assistant county clerk. Charles and June later built a home near Wahoo where they supported the newly-established Bishop Neumann High School; and

WHEREAS, Charles was elected Saunders County Clerk in 1968 and served a total of thirty-four years in office, running unopposed in all but

his first election campaign. Charles was actively involved with the Nebraska Association of County Officials throughout his service to Saunders County, and the association named him County Official of the Year in 1985; and

WHEREAS, Charles served on a state commission to recommend changes in Nebraska election laws and also served as campaign treasurer for former State Senator and Speaker of the Legislature Curt Bromm of Wahoo; and

WHEREAS, as a veteran, husband, father, friend, and elected official, Charles Egr's lifelong participation in his community and state exemplifies the finest Nebraska ideals of citizen government and public service. He leaves behind a legacy of helping others which touched many lives, and his passing is a profound loss.

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

1. That the Legislature expresses and extends its sympathy and condolences to the family, friends, and former colleagues of Charles J. Egr.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to June Egr.