

## ONE HUNDRED SECOND LEGISLATURE

## FIRST SESSION

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 77**

Introduced by Gloor, 35.

WHEREAS, Irene Abernethy has been an outstanding advocate for children for over fifty years through her profession as a teacher, her volunteer work as a Teammates mentor, her attendance and involvement in many youth activities, and her passionate leadership on many issues that will continue to benefit generations of children; and

WHEREAS, Irene has performed outstanding juvenile justice work and was instrumental in establishing a Boys Town facility in Grand Island; and

WHEREAS, Irene has been an outstanding political leader for over twenty years in the city of Grand Island and in Hall County through her work on the Grand Island Public Schools Board of Education, the Hall County Board of Supervisors, the Grand Island Chamber of Commerce, the Grand Island Area Economic Development Corporation, and the Nebraska Association of County Officials; and

WHEREAS, Irene has been an outstanding civic leader through her leadership on the boards of Leadership Tomorrow, the YMCA Foundation, the Women's Club, the Hall County Historical Society, the Center for Independent Living, and the Central Community College Advisory Committee and on Heartland United Way committees; and

WHEREAS, Irene has been the Grand Island Independent's Woman of the Year and has received Ak-Sar-Ben's Ike Friedman Community Leadership Award and the national A.L. Carlisle Child Advocacy Award; and

WHEREAS, Irene has always been a shining example of her motto, "Get involved."

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates, commends, and thanks Irene Abernethy on her lifetime of leadership, advocacy, and achievement.
2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Irene Abernethy.