

## ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE

## FIRST SESSION

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 204**

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WHEREAS, William D. (Bill) Orr passed away at his home in Lincoln, Nebraska, on May 5, 2013, at the age of 78 with family members at his side; and

WHEREAS, Bill Orr was the husband of former Governor Kay A. Orr for 55 years, and became the First Gentleman of Nebraska when his wife was elected governor in 1986; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure as First Gentleman, Bill Orr authored the "First Gentleman's Cookbook" to raise proceeds to renovate the Governor's Mansion. The cookbook gained national attention for its self-effacing humor and high profile contributors, including Nancy Reagan, Barbara Bush, Warren Buffett, and Johnny Carson; and

WHEREAS, Bill Orr was an insurance executive for Woodmen Accident and Life where he worked for 37 years until his retirement in 1997, ultimately serving as a senior vice president and director of agency and marketing operations; and

WHEREAS, Bill Orr was born and raised in Iowa where his family owned a furniture and hardware business. He graduated with a business

degree from the University of Iowa in 1957, and began his insurance career in Illinois before moving his family to Lincoln in 1963; and

WHEREAS, Bill Orr was an elder at Christ Lutheran Church in Lincoln, a member of Rotary Club 14, a TeamMates Program mentor, and a proud Eagle Scout; and

WHEREAS, Bill Orr is survived by his wife, Governor Kay Orr, his son and daughter-in-law, John and Brenda Orr, his daughter and son-in-law, Suzanne and Jim Gage, seven grandchildren, and many other relatives and friends.

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

1. That the Legislature extends its sympathy to Governor Kay Orr and her family, recognizes Bill Orr for his dedicated service to the state and his community, and remembers Bill Orr for his charm, wit, humor, and charitable legacy.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Governor Kay Orr and her family.