

ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 230

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WHEREAS, Ron Bishop has dedicated his career to conservation of soil and water in Nebraska since working for the soil and water conservation service beginning in 1957; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bishop has been instrumental in the creation of the Central Platte Natural Resources District's ground water quality management program which is a national model; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bishop served on the executive committee of the Nebraska Water Policy Task Force in 2002; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bishop served on the governance committee for the Platte River Cooperative Agreement in 2006; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bishop was instrumental in the development of the Nebraska Habitat Conservation Coalition which won a 2009 court judgment that caused the United States Fish and Wildlife Service to reinstate Nebraska's critical habitat designation; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bishop collaborated to develop and implement an integrated management plan to manage the Central Platte Natural Resources District's ground and surface water resources; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bishop helped implement Nebraska's first water banking program which provides water for new and future uses and maintains economic sustainability in rural economies; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bishop is retiring after 56 years of dedicated service to water and soil conservation.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates Ron Bishop on his long career, for his many achievements in conservation, and on his well-deserved retirement.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Ron Bishop and the Central Platte Natural Resources District.