

ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 362

Introduced by Davis, 43.

WHEREAS, Commander Darren Nelson, United States Navy, has enjoyed a distinguished naval career since receiving his commission and bachelor of science degree from the University of Nebraska in 1993; and

WHEREAS, Commander Nelson's naval career includes serving as communications officer on the USS Bainbridge, damage control officer on the USS Barry, combat systems officer on the USS Ingraham, 1st lieutenant on the USS Saipan, and executive officer on the USS Gunston Hall, and assignment to the U.S. Naval War College where he received a masters of arts in national security and strategic studies; and

WHEREAS, Commander Nelson's personal decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, and various campaign and service ribbons; and

WHEREAS, the USS Arlington is a new San Antonio-class amphibious transport dock built to transport and land Marines along with their equipment and supplies. The ship is 684 feet long, 105 feet wide, and has a displacement weight of 25,000 tons which is similar in size to the USS Enterprise, one of the most famous U.S. aircraft carriers of World War II; and

WHEREAS, Commander Nelson has been assigned initial command of the USS Arlington following its ceremonial commissioning on April 6, 2013; and

WHEREAS, Commander Nelson, son of Joan Nelson and the late Harvey Nelson, grew up in Rushville, Nebraska, where he was active in athletics, speech, plays, and other activities and graduated from Rushville High School in 1988.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates Commander Darren Nelson for being named commander of the new USS Arlington by the United States Navy.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Commander Nelson and to his mother Joan Nelson of Rushville, Nebraska.