

ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 386

Introduced by Davis, 43; Avery, 28; Bloomfield, 17; Christensen, 44;
Coash, 27; Conrad, 46; Haar, 21; Hadley, 37; Hansen, 42;
Harms, 48; Johnson, 23; Kintner, 2; Mello, 5; Nordquist, 7;
Price, 3; Scheer, 19; Schumacher, 22; Seiler, 33; Smith, 14;
Wallman, 30; Wightman, 36.

WHEREAS, Cody, Nebraska, is located in Cherry County which, at 6,048 square miles, is the largest of Nebraska's counties and one of the largest counties in the nation; and

WHEREAS, Cody had been without a grocery store for over 14 years, and since before 1999 residents of Cody have changed time zones and traveled 38 miles one way to buy groceries; and

WHEREAS, because parents moved their children to schools in the towns where they could do their grocery shopping, the Cody-Kilgore Unified Schools system saw declining enrollment; and

WHEREAS, the Cody grocery store project was based on an idea generated by teachers Stacey Adamson and Tracee Ford, and supported by the residents of Cody, the school board, and the village board, and assisted by a Rural Economic Development Grant and stimulus funds from the United States Department of Agriculture, the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission, the University of Nebraska at Kearney Students in Free Enterprise team, the Catholic Campaign for Human Development, the Sherwood Foundation, Scotty's Ranchland Foods in Valentine, and many others; and

WHEREAS, the Circle C Market was started in 2009, the new straw bale building was completed in the fall of 2012, and the grand opening was held during Memorial Day weekend in 2013.

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

1. That the Legislature extends its congratulations to the residents and elected officials of Cody, Nebraska, and the students, staff, and administration of the Cody-Kilgore Unified Schools, the Cowboy G.R.I.T. Student Steering Committee, and teachers Stacey Adamson and Tracee Ford for envisioning and developing the Circle C Market.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Cody Village Board of Trustees and to Cody-Kilgore Unified Schools Superintendent and Principal Todd Chessmore.