

## ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE

## SECOND SESSION

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 426**

Introduced by Sullivan, 41; Carlson, 38; Dubas, 34; Haar, 21; Hansen, 42;  
Wallman, 30; Wightman, 36.

WHEREAS, the first two components of the land grant mission, teaching and research, were created by the federal Morrill Act in 1862 and the federal Hatch Act of 1887; and

WHEREAS, the development of the integrated land grant mission of teaching, research, and extension grew out of a need to secure and expand the economic, social, and environmental resources of the young and growing nation; and

WHEREAS, the Smith-Lever Act, also known as the Agriculture Extension Act, was passed by Congress in 1914 and provided for vocational education in the areas of agriculture and home economics for individuals not attending college; and

WHEREAS, Congress also passed the Smith-Lever Act in an effort to support the troops abroad and conserve resources at home while extending the philosophy of farmers' cooperative demonstration work; and

WHEREAS, the Smith-Lever Act established cooperative agriculture extension at the county, state, and federal levels for the purpose of sharing useful and practical information with the American homemaker and farmer, and solidified an educational partnership between the United States Department of Agriculture and the land grant universities in creating the Cooperative Extension System; and

WHEREAS, on May 8, 2014, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Extension, a component of the Cooperative Extension System, will celebrate 100 years of elevating youth, families, farms, and communities in Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, to celebrate 100 years of service, University of Nebraska-Lincoln Extension is planning 100 celebrations across Nebraska in 2014 at each county extension office and research center, and at every campus in the University of Nebraska system; and

WHEREAS, festivities will begin on February 6, 2014, at the annual extension meeting in Lincoln and will conclude on August 30, 2014, at the Nebraska State Fair in Grand Island.

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

1. That the Legislature recognizes May 8, 2014, as the 100th anniversary of passage of the federal Smith-Lever Act, and congratulates University of Nebraska-Lincoln Extension on its 100 years of service to Nebraska.

2. That the Legislature acknowledges the wide range of services that University of Nebraska-Lincoln Extension provides to Nebraska youth, families, farms, and communities throughout the state, and appreciates the great work of Extension professionals and volunteers across Nebraska and their contributions to the lives and livelihoods of Nebraskans.

3. That a copy of this resolution be sent to University of Nebraska-Lincoln Extension.