

ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 60

Introduced by Adams, 24.

WHEREAS, the NEBRASKALand Foundation on Saturday, March 2, 2013, at the annual Statehood Day Dinner held in the Nebraska State Capitol, will present the Distinguished NEBRASKAlander Award to three honorees and will recognize a student for excellence in a youth competition sponsored by the NEBRASKALand Foundation at the Nebraska State Fair; and

WHEREAS, a Distinguished NEBRASKAlander Award will be presented to Henry H. (Hod) and Willa Kosman, of Scottsbluff, who together have filled their lifetimes with contributions to Nebraska and, particularly, to the Panhandle area. Hod followed the family path in banking and leads the Platte Valley Finance Service Corporation. Hod is noted in conservation work for spearheading efforts to help conserve biologically unique land in the Wildcat Hills. Willa has made remarkable contributions to the arts, including especially to the historic Midwest Theater in Scottsbluff, and has served as chair of the board of trustees of the Nebraska State College System; and

WHEREAS, a Distinguished NEBRASKAlander Award will be presented to the Raikes Family, of Ashland, which has long been dedicated to the advancement of education, economic infrastructure, and agriculture. With strong ties to the University of Nebraska, the patriarch of the family, Ralph Raikes, believed in the importance of innovation and the family farm. Ralph and Alice Raikes' offspring and their families remain connected to

the family farm in Nebraska and continue to serve their communities in the Raikes family name. Ron Raikes was a dedicated public servant who served for twelve years as the state senator representing district 25 in Lancaster County. Upon his death in 2009, he was honored by his former colleagues and friends as an intellectually gifted and intellectually honest person. His wife, Helen, continues to lead in child, youth, and family studies. Jeff Raikes serves as chief executive officer of the world's largest private charitable foundation. He and his wife, Tricia, have been recognized for their philanthropic efforts in Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, a Distinguished NEBRASKALander Award will be presented to Fred and Eve Simon, of Omaha, who are well recognized in the state for philanthropic works and business excellence. Fred is a fourth-generation leader of Omaha Steaks, which has made Omaha a household name in much of the world. Eve and Fred have been lifelong volunteers and major supporters of many organizations in the Omaha community, most notably in the arts. In addition to their support of Opera Omaha and other key arts organizations, Eve has been a member for many years and twice president of the board of Tuesday Musical. Fred is currently chair of the University of Nebraska Medical Center College of Public Health campaign committee; and

WHEREAS, Akshay Rajagopal, a student from Lincoln East High School, will receive special recognition for his excellence in a youth competition sponsored by the NEBRASKALand Foundation at the Nebraska State Fair.

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

1. That the Legislature extends its appreciation to the recipients of the Distinguished NEBRASKAlander Award for their service to the State of Nebraska and its congratulations to Akshay Rajagopal for excellence in the youth competition sponsored by the NEBRASKAland Foundation.

2. That a copy of this resolution be given to all honorees.