

ONE HUNDRED FOURTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 1

Introduced by Watermeier, 1.

WHEREAS, Dr. Thomas Ediger was born in York, Nebraska and grew up in Aurora, Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Ediger earned a bachelor's degree in music education from the University of Nebraska, a master's degree in piano performance, and a doctorate in theory and composition from the University of Northern Colorado; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Ediger joined the Peru State College's faculty in 1979, serving as director of the concert choir and madrigal singers, and taught courses in music theory, music history, music education, and piano; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Ediger founded Peru State College's Piano Extravaganza in 1990, coordinated the college's annual High School Show Choir Festival and Choral Festival Honor Choir, and directed and produced the annual Holiday Madrigal Dinner; and

WHEREAS, in 2009, Dr. Ediger was awarded the Music Teachers National Association's (MTNA) Foundation Fellow Award in recognition of his service and leadership; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Ediger was a three-time winner of the Peru State College Teacher Excellence Award; and

WHEREAS, during his 35 years at Peru State College, Dr. Ediger positively influenced the lives of thousands of students; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Ediger passed away on August 20, 2014.

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

1. That the Legislature honor the memory of Dr. Thomas Ediger, an accomplished musician, whose talent, kindness, and commitment to Peru State College and his students will be greatly missed.

2. That the Legislature express and extend its sympathy and condolences at the passing of Dr. Ediger.

3. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the School of Arts and Sciences at Peru State College.