

ONE HUNDRED FOURTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 72

Introduced by Krist, 10.

WHEREAS, Sister Mary Evangeline Randolph was born on September 25, 1919; and

WHEREAS, in 1960, Sister Evangeline recognized a need in Omaha for a school to educate children with special needs where they could learn, grow, and belong; and

WHEREAS, at the time, Sister Evangeline was teaching three students at St. James Orphanage who had cognitive disabilities that prevented them from enrolling in the public school system; and

WHEREAS, Sister Evangeline founded the Madonna School to help teach children with special needs; and

WHEREAS, by 1970, there were 38 children attending classes at the growing Madonna School; and

WHEREAS, through the help of volunteers and donors, Sister Evangeline was able to purchase a church in the Benson area and remodel it to accommodate the growing number of students; and

WHEREAS, today, there are 58 children and young adults attending the Madonna School from ages 5 to 21; and

WHEREAS, Sister Evangeline passed away on February 9, 2015.

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

1. That the Legislature recognizes the contributions of Sister Mary Evangeline Randolph and extends its sympathy to her family.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the family of Sister Mary Evangeline Randolph and the Madonna School.