

ONE HUNDRED FIFTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 253

Introduced by Stinner, 48.

WHEREAS, James "Jay" Templar has served the City of Gering, its citizens, and the region since 1980 as a volunteer firefighter, and since April 1, 1991, Jay Templar has served as the Fire Chief for the City of Gering; and

WHEREAS, throughout Jay Templar's career as a volunteer firefighter and Fire Chief for the City of Gering, he received training and certification as an Emergency Medical Technician and in managing prescribed wildland fires, strategic and tactical operations management, incident command systems, and hazardous material operations; and

WHEREAS, in 1984, Jay Templar was named outstanding firefighter for the City of Gering Volunteer Fire Department. In 1988, he received the Nebraska Aksarben Firemanship Award. He has also served as President of the Nebraska Fire Chiefs Association; and

WHEREAS, in 1999, Jay Templar was named by Governor Mike Johanns to serve as one of nine members of the Volunteer Service Award Benefit Review Board, charged in legislation with establishing minimum requirements for qualifying as a volunteer firefighter and volunteer rescue squad member pursuant to the Volunteer Emergency Responders Recruitment and Retention Act; and

WHEREAS, Jay Templar was part of a five-member Nebraska Partners in Prevention group that received the 2004 Bronze Smokey Bear Award, presented by the United States Department of Agriculture and the National Association of State Foresters for outstanding wildfire prevention service impacting an entire state over a two-year period; and

WHEREAS, Jay Templar has appeared before the Nebraska Unicameral to testify at committee hearings on behalf of volunteer first responders across Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, Jay Templar has served as a mentor for countless individuals who have chosen careers as volunteer firefighters or volunteer emergency medical responders; and

WHEREAS, Jay Templar will retire as the Fire Chief for the City of Gering in May 2017 after a long and successful career in the fire service.

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

1. That the Legislature recognizes Jay Templar's many years of service to the City of Gering, Scotts Bluff County, and the State of Nebraska, and congratulates him on his retirement.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Jay Templar.