

ONE HUNDRED SIXTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

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WHEREAS, Dale Frank Krueger was born July 4, 1923, on a farm near Winside, Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, Dale Krueger farmed with his family until being drafted into service in 1944. He was inducted into the United States Navy where he served until July 1946; and

WHEREAS, in July of 1945, Dale Krueger served as a fireman aboard the U.S.S. Indianapolis, which delivered to the island of Tinian the atomic bomb that would later be dropped on Hiroshima, Japan; and

WHEREAS, on July 30, 1945, the U.S.S. Indianapolis was hit by two torpedoes fired by a Japanese submarine and sunk, sending nearly 900 of the 1,195 men on board into the shark-infested waters; and

WHEREAS, the survivors of the torpedo attack on the U.S.S. Indianapolis remained in the Philippine Sea for four days before being accidentally discovered by a pilot on a routine antisubmarine patrol; and

WHEREAS, Dale Krueger was one of 316 survivors of the U.S.S. Indianapolis disaster, having spent one hundred hours in the sea, experiencing extreme dehydration and exposure, and under constant shark attacks with only a standard life jacket; and

WHEREAS, Dale Krueger received the Purple Heart Medal; and

WHEREAS, Dale married Lois Ruser on February 14, 1948, at Immanuel Lutheran Church near Wayne, Nebraska. The couple farmed near Winside and had two children, Diane and Dean; and

WHEREAS, Dale exemplified service to his country and community as a member of the Rural Fire Board, Winside School Board, V.F.W. Post #1644 in Norfolk, Winside American Legion Post #0252, and Trinity Lutheran Church in Winside; and

WHEREAS, Dale Frank Krueger passed away at the age of 95 on February 8, 2019.

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

1. That the Legislature honors the life and service of Dale F. Krueger and offers its condolences to the Krueger family.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the family of Dale F. Krueger.