## ONE HUNDRED SIXTH LEGISLATURE

## FIRST SESSION

## **LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 257**

Introduced by Stinner, 48.

WHEREAS, the Nebraska Association of Former State Legislators has offered a gift of labor and materials of approximate value of \$330,000 to restore the gardens of the Capitol Courtyards; and

WHEREAS, the gift of labor and materials will be used to restore the gardens to the original design by Ernst Herminghaus with modifications agreed to by the State Capitol Administrator; and

WHEREAS, the installation of the gardens, including irrigation and drainage systems, plants, and other improvements within the courtyards of the State Capitol, will be accomplished by the funding provided by the gift and ongoing maintenance will be accomplished with existing Capitol Grounds personnel; and

WHEREAS, the Nebraska Association of Former State Legislators and the Office of the Nebraska Capitol Commission have entered into a Memorandum of Understanding for Nebraska Capitol Courtyard Gardens Restoration which provides, among other specifications, that the State Capitol Administrator will provide oversight and supervise the work to be performed; and

WHEREAS, restoring the gardens within the courtyards of the State Capitol will provide an investment in the real property of the State of Nebraska which will be for the benefit of the people of the State of Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, the Appropriations Committee of the Legislature held a public hearing on this matter on May 23, 2019.

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

1. That the Legislature approves the gift of labor and materials from the Nebraska Association of Former State Legislators for the restoration of the

gardens of the State Capitol Courtyards in the approximate value of \$330,000.

2. That such approval is granted with the understanding that the gift will be implemented in accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding for Nebraska Capitol Courtyard Gardens Restoration.