

ONE HUNDRED SIXTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 28

Introduced by Scheer, 19.

WHEREAS, on March 2, 2019, the NEBRASKAland Foundation will present the Distinguished NEBRASKAlander Award, recognizing Nebraskans who have distinguished themselves and the state, to Ernest "Ernie" Weyeneth at the annual Statehood Day Dinner held in the Nebraska State Capitol; and

WHEREAS, Ernie Weyeneth uses his financial investment expertise in many ways to serve Nebraska. Most notable is his leadership of the Richard P. Kimmel and Laurine Kimmel Charitable Foundation and his membership on the University of Nebraska Foundation Board of Trustees; and

WHEREAS, Ernie was born in McCook and raised on the farm, attended a country school before moving to McCook and graduating from McCook High School and McCook Community College. At the University of Nebraska at Lincoln he earned a bachelor's degree in business administration with an emphasis in finance; and

WHEREAS, Ernie is a Vietnam veteran. He served in the United States Navy as a Hospital Corpsman and later in the U.S. Marine Corps, Second Marine Air Wing, as a Corpsman; and

WHEREAS, Ernie has worked in the investment business for over 45 years leading to his current position as Portfolio Manager and Senior Vice President at Stifel Financial; and

WHEREAS, Ernie has served as the President of the Richard P. Kimmel and Laurine Kimmel Charitable Foundation since 1986, directing programs and awarding grants emphasizing education, agriculture, art, and the humanities in Nebraska. In addition, the Foundation operates the Kimmel Harding Nelson Center for the Arts, an artist residency center in Nebraska City; and

WHEREAS, Ernie created the Kimmel Orchard and Vineyard Educational

Foundation in 2011. The Foundation operates the historic Kimmel Orchard in Nebraska City, which was founded in 1925. The Foundation is dedicated to agricultural education research and historic preservation and provides a wholesome family experience. The Orchard also has a long-standing partnership with the University of Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, Ernie belongs to several civic and philanthropic organizations including the University of Nebraska Foundation Board of Trustees, the Optimist Club of Lincoln, the American Legion Post 276, Danbury, Nebraska, and is a member of First Plymouth Congregational Church. Over the years Ernie has received numerous recognitions and awards for both his professional work and civic involvement; and

WHEREAS, family has always been important to Ernie who has two sons, Len and Phil, and five grandsons.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates Ernie Weyeneth as a recipient of the Distinguished NEBRASKAlander Award and extends its appreciation for his service to the State of Nebraska.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Ernie Weyeneth.