

ONE HUNDRED SIXTH LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 293

Introduced by Albrecht, 17; Arch, 14; Blood, 3; Bolz, 29; Bostelman, 23; Brandt, 32; Brewer, 43; Briese, 41; Cavanaugh, 6; Chambers, 11; Clements, 2; Crawford, 45; DeBoer, 10; Dorn, 30; Erdman, 47; Friesen, 34; Geist, 25; Gragert, 40; Groene, 42; Halloran, 33; Hansen, B., 16; Hansen, M., 26; Hilgers, 21; Hilkemann, 4; Howard, 9; Hughes, 44; Hunt, 8; Kolowski, 31; Kolterman, 24; La Grone, 49; Lathrop, 12; Lindstrom, 18; Linehan, 39; Lowe, 37; McCollister, 20; McDonnell, 5; Morfeld, 46; Moser, 22; Murman, 38; Pansing Brooks, 28; Quick, 35; Scheer, 19; Slama, 1; Stinner, 48; Vargas, 7; Walz, 15; Wayne, 13; Williams, 36; Wishart, 27.

WHEREAS, Allen J. Beermann of Lincoln, Nebraska, has displayed outstanding public service and leadership during his life; and

WHEREAS, Allen was born and raised on a farm in Dakota County, was a member of the National Honor Society, and graduated from South Sioux City High School in 1958; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from Midland Lutheran University, Allen earned a Juris Doctorate degree from the Creighton University School of Law in 1965; and

WHEREAS, Allen served as Legal Counsel and Administrative Assistant to the Nebraska Secretary of State for two years and was appointed Deputy Secretary of State on September 7, 1967; and

WHEREAS, Allen was sworn into office as Secretary of State for his first four-year term in 1971 and was sworn into office for a sixth four-year term on January 9, 1991, making him Nebraska's longest-serving Secretary of State; and

WHEREAS, Allen served in the Nebraska Army National Guard and the United States Army Reserve from 1967 to 1993 and retired as a Lieutenant Colonel in the Judge Advocate General Corps; and

WHEREAS, Allen became the Executive Director of the Nebraska Press Association on January 6, 1995; and

WHEREAS, Allen served as Chairman of the Nebraska Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve, on the Board of Directors for the Nebraska State Patrol Foundation, Inc., on the Executive Board for the Cornhusker Council Boy Scouts of America, and, for 14 years, on the Immanuel Medical

Center Board in Omaha; and

WHEREAS, Allen served on the Federal Election Commission's Clearinghouse Advisory Panel for 18 years; and

WHEREAS, Allen is a member of the Nebraska Bar Association, the American Bar Association, American Legion Post No. 3, Elks Lodge No. 80, the Newcomen Society of North America, the NEBRASKALand Foundation, and the Lincoln Foundation; and

WHEREAS, Allen was appointed by Governor Ben Nelson to serve as a Nebraska Diplomat in 1993; and

WHEREAS, Allen was awarded an Honorary Life Membership in Nebraska Jaycees and he received the National Association of Secretaries of State Meritorious Service Medallion in 1976; and

WHEREAS, Allen was awarded the Exceptional Service Award from the Selective Service System, and the Federal Voting Assistance Award by William Perry, the United States Secretary of Defense in 1994; and

WHEREAS, in 2001 the Nebraska Diplomats gave Allen their highest honor, Ambassador Plenipotentiary, and at a formal ceremony the Republic of China presented him with their Foreign Service Medallion; and

WHEREAS, Allen was the first civilian recipient of the Homeland Defense Ribbon presented by Governor Mike Johanns and the Adjutant General Roger Lempke in 2003; and

WHEREAS, the University of Nebraska presented Allen the Outstanding Service to Journalism Award in 2005; and

WHEREAS, Allen was awarded the Ike Friedman Community Leadership Award from the Knights of AK-SAR-BEN in 2006; and

WHEREAS, Allen was named Nebraskan of the Year by the combined Rotary clubs of Nebraska in 2007; and

WHEREAS, Allen received the All-American Journalist Award from Midland University, and he also became the Omaha Press Club's Face on the Barroom Floor in 2009; and

WHEREAS, Allen served as a judge in the Miss Nebraska Pageant in 2010; and

WHEREAS, Allen served as an official escort on multiple occasions for Miss America Teresa Scanlan from Gering, Nebraska, in 2010 and 2011; and

WHEREAS, Allen received the highest award given by the NEBRASKAland Foundation, the Distinguished NEBRASKAlander Award, in 2011; and

WHEREAS, Allen was honored by his peers by being inducted into the Nebraska Journalism Hall of Fame in 2018; and

WHEREAS, Allen's activities have included four summers as Camp Director of Camp Cedars Boy Scout Camp near Fremont, Nebraska, serving as a Camp Director of the National Boy Scout Jamboree, serving as a newscaster and disc jockey for KHUB Radio in Fremont, and participating in professional water skiing and public speaking; and

WHEREAS, Allen has been coordinating and hosting tours of the USS Nebraska for 25 years; and

WHEREAS, Allen fulfilled his endeavor to always be an ambassador of goodwill on behalf of Nebraska and Nebraskans as a very kind, thoughtful, caring, generous, respected, and ethical leader; and

WHEREAS, Allen and his wife, Linda, were married on May 23, 1971, and they have two children, Matthew Allen and John William, as well as one grandson, Isaac Allen; and

WHEREAS, Allen Beermann will retire from the Nebraska Press Association after 25 years serving as the Executive Director.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates Allen J. Beermann on his many accomplishments over his outstanding career.

2. That the Legislature recognizes Allen J. Beermann for his many years of public service and thanks Allen for his lifelong contributions to the State of Nebraska.

3. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Allen J. Beermann.