

ONE HUNDRED SIXTH LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 461

Introduced by Gragert, 40.

WHEREAS, Senator Elroy M. Hefner of Coleridge was a dedicated public servant, serviceman, and business leader; and

WHEREAS, Elroy Hefner served in the United States Navy from 1944 to 1946 during World War II. He was in the Amphibious Forces, serving nineteen months in the South Pacific; and

WHEREAS, upon returning to Nebraska from the Navy in 1947, Elroy Hefner started Hefner Oil and Feed Store with his brother, Gerhart, in Coleridge; and

WHEREAS, Elroy Hefner married the love of his life, Carol Rae Willms, on June 12, 1949; and

WHEREAS, Elroy Hefner became the president of Crystal Oil, the president of Diamond Horseshoe, and the president of Truck Haven. Later, he became the president of the Omaha Truck Plaza and the president of the Nebraska Petroleum Marketers Association; and

WHEREAS, Elroy Hefner was especially active in his hometown of Coleridge, being elected as a member of the town board, school board, and serving as the mayor for several years; and

WHEREAS, Elroy Hefner was elected to the Nebraska Legislature and represented Legislative District 19 for over four terms, from 1976 to 1993; and

WHEREAS, in the Legislature, Senator Hefner became the chairperson of the Miscellaneous Subjects Committee and the vice-chairperson of the Revenue Committee. Additionally, Senator Hefner served on the Executive Board, Business and Labor Committee, and Agriculture Committee; and

WHEREAS, Senator Hefner was known for his integrity and honesty; and

WHEREAS, Senator Hefner's record as a public servant is filled with many accomplishments and achievements which has resulted in a better life for

Nebraskans; and

WHEREAS, Senator Hefner's commitment to the people of Nebraska was evident by his actions and service to his community and state; and

WHEREAS, Elroy Hefner was the father of three children, Bill, Cindy, and Doug; and

WHEREAS, Elroy Hefner was the grandfather of six grandchildren, and the great-grandfather of eight great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Elroy Hefner passed away on Sunday, July 26, 2020, at the age of 96.

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

1. That the Legislature recognizes the passion of Senator Elroy M. Hefner and his dedication to his community and the State of Nebraska.
2. That the Legislature offers its condolences to the family of Elroy M. Hefner.
3. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the family of Elroy M. Hefner.