ONE HUNDRED SIXTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

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WHEREAS, Congress passed the Act of July 2, 1862, commonly known as the first Morrill Act, which was signed by President Abraham Lincoln, to allow for the establishment of land-grant colleges offering programs teaching agriculture and the mechanic arts; and

WHEREAS, on February 15, 1869, the Nebraska Legislature unanimously passed, and Nebraska Governor David Butler signed, legislation enabling the charter and founding of the University of Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, the charter established the University of Nebraska as an institution to afford to the inhabitants of this state the means of acquiring a thorough knowledge of the various branches of literature, science and the arts; and

WHEREAS, in 1871, the University of Nebraska opened its doors to men and women across the State of Nebraska, with an inaugural class of 130 students; and

WHEREAS, the University of Nebraska, now known as the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, has grown to an enrollment of 25,820 students; and

WHEREAS, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln is a national leader in academic excellence, research, and service; and

WHEREAS, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln had a \$2.2 billion economic impact on the State of Nebraska in 2018, including more than \$300,000,000 in research expenditures; and

WHEREAS, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln provided more than 5,000 new

graduates to the workforce last year; and

WHEREAS, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln serves the needs of students, families, and communities across the State of Nebraska through activities in all 93 counties of the state; and

WHEREAS, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln is a leader in research in areas such as water and agriculture, national security and defense, early childhood education, and rural development; and

WHEREAS, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln is instrumental in celebrating the culture of the State of Nebraska and the region in which the state is located through the University of Nebraska State Museum, the Center for Great Plains Studies, the International Quilt Study Center and Museum, and the Larsen Tractor Test and Power Museum; and

WHEREAS, the Husker athletic programs at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln create pride and joy on the fields of play and in the hearts of alumni and fans; and

WHEREAS, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln has 333 Academic All-Americans, more than any other institution of higher education in the United States; and

WHEREAS, more than 200,000 alumni residing in all 50 states, and in countries around the world, are proud to call the University of Nebraska-Lincoln their alma mater; and

WHEREAS, There Is No Place Like Nebraska.

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

- 1. That the Legislature recognizes the 150th anniversary of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.
- 2. That the Legislature commends the University of Nebraska-Lincoln for its status as a leading public university that excels in academics, athletics, and quality of life for students.
- 3. That copies of this resolution be sent to the Chancellor of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and the President of the University of Nebraska

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