

ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 133

Introduced by Murman, 38; Arch, 14; Cavanaugh, M., 6; Day, 49; Gragert, 40;
Hansen, B., 16; Lowe, 37; Walz, 15; Williams, 36.

WHEREAS, Tim Kolb, an advocate for disability rights, began his activism in 1989 after being denied twenty-four-hour, home-based care while being threatened with life in a nursing home. He lost his appeal and took his case to the district court. In 1991, District Court Judge Bernard Sprague directed the state to provide that care which enabled him to live in his own home in Franklin with his wife Karen; and

WHEREAS, in 1995, Tim was instrumental in passing the "Tim Kolb Amendment" to the Nurse Practice Act by the Nebraska Legislature to allow people with disabilities to get care at home; and

WHEREAS, Tim worked for years to improve the Medical Insurance for Workers with Disabilities Program. The new and improved version was passed into law and will take effect October 1, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Tim was a council member of the Nebraska Statewide Independent Living Council "SILC", the liaison of the SILC to the State Rehabilitation Council, the President of the Board of Directors for Independence Rising and the Center for Independent Living, and the founder and Chief Executive Officer of the Kolb Foundation for Disability Education. In addition, Tim represented the Kolb Foundation for Disability Education on the Nebraska Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities and served on the Nebraska Council on Developmental Disabilities and the Community Advisory board for Munroe-Meyer; and

WHEREAS, Tim Kolb passed away on May 1, 2021.

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

1. That the Legislature recognizes Tim Kolb for his service to Nebraskans with disabilities and the State of Nebraska and expresses its condolences to

his family.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to his wife, Karen Kolb.