

ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 169**

Introduced by Kolterman, 24.

WHEREAS, in 1918, John, Burr, Ted, and Ben Hughes established Hughes Brothers, Inc.;

WHEREAS, following a severe ice storm in 1921 that crippled the town of Seward, Nebraska, Hughes Brothers was tasked with producing and replacing damaged crossarms for the Blue River Power Company. The completion of this project allowed for quick restoration of power to the area;

WHEREAS, in the early 1930s, Hughes Brothers helped develop the first electric transmission lines to power most of the State of Nebraska;

WHEREAS, during World War II, Army engineers contracted Hughes Brothers to provide large trusses needed for airplane hangars, to produce anti-tank mines, to produce containers for 75 millimeter shells, and to produce 101,000 ammunition crates and more than one million ammunition boxes;

WHEREAS, since the company's beginning, Hughes Brothers has always answered the call of customers and communities across the country to restore electricity due to storm events; and

WHEREAS, since 1921, Hughes Brothers has rebuilt neighborhoods in Seward, employed its residents, and invested in philanthropic organizations that benefit the area.

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

1. That the Legislature recognizes the 100th anniversary of the establishment of Hughes Brothers, Inc.

2. That the Legislature thanks Hughes Brothers for the philanthropy it has provided, since the founding of the company, for the City of Seward and the surrounding areas.