

ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 47

Introduced by Sanders, 45; McKinney, 11; Wayne, 13.

WHEREAS, Robert Holts of Bellevue was a dedicated serviceman and public servant; and

WHEREAS, Robert Holts attended Kellom Elementary School and Omaha Central High School; and

WHEREAS, Robert Holts enlisted in the United States Armed Services in 1942 and served until 1946; and

WHEREAS, Robert Holts was a member of the prestigious Tuskegee Airmen; and

WHEREAS, the courage and service of the Tuskegee Airmen led in part to the desegregation of the U.S. Armed Forces in 1948; and

WHEREAS, in 2007, the Tuskegee Airmen were awarded the Congressional Gold Medal and their Nebraska counterparts were inducted into the Nebraska Aviation Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, President Obama stated, "My career in public service was made possible by the path heroes like the Tuskegee Airmen trail-blazed"; and

WHEREAS, Robert Holts was a member of the Alfonza W. Davis Chapter of the Tuskegee Airmen, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, Robert Holts was also inducted into the Omaha Central High School Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, Robert Holts retired to Omaha after nearly 40 years of public service in the U.S. Postal Service; and

WHEREAS, Robert Holts later resided in Bellevue for many years; and

WHEREAS, before his passing, Robert Holts was Nebraska's last surviving member of the Tuskegee Airmen; and

WHEREAS, Robert Holts passed away on Friday, February 12, at the age of 96.

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

1. That the Legislature recognizes Robert Holts' service to our nation and his part in advancing the cause of equality in the United States.

2. That the Legislature offers its condolences to the family of Robert Holts.

3. That copies of this resolution be sent to the family of Robert Holts and the Alfonza W. Davis Chapter of the Tuskegee Airmen, Inc.