

ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

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WHEREAS, Andy Hoffman of Atkinson, Nebraska, raised awareness for the need to research a cure for pediatric brain cancer; and

WHEREAS, the Hoffman family began their battle with pediatric brain cancer in 2011 with the diagnosis of a malignant brain tumor in Andy's five-year-old son, Jack; and

WHEREAS, prior to Jack's second surgery in 2011, Andy reached out to the University of Nebraska Cornhusker's football team hoping Jack could meet running back Rex Burkhead; and

WHEREAS, Jack was invited to play in the 2013 Red-White Nebraska Football Spring Game, in which he ran for a sixty-nine-yard touchdown; and

WHEREAS, Jack's touchdown run helped raise national awareness for the need to research a cure for pediatric brain cancer; and

WHEREAS, with the help of friends and colleagues in 2013, Andy and his wife, Brianna, founded the Team Jack Foundation; and

WHEREAS, the foundation raised over eight million dollars dedicated to researching a cure for pediatric brain cancer; and

WHEREAS, in July of 2020, Andy learned that he had glioblastoma, a malignant brain tumor; and

WHEREAS, despite his brain cancer diagnosis, Andy authored Yards After Contact, a book detailing Jack's story; and

WHEREAS, Andy Hoffman passed away on March 1, 2021, at the age of 42 and is survived by his wife Brianna and their three children, Jack, Ava, and Reese;

and

WHEREAS, Andy Hoffman will be remembered as a fearless leader and dedicated family man.

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

1. That the Legislature recognizes the legacy of Andy Hoffman for his love for his family and his dedication to fighting pediatric brain cancer.

2. That the Legislature offers its condolences to the family of Andy Hoffman.

3. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Brianna Hoffman.