

ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 66

Introduced by Bostar, 29; Ballard, 21; Bosn, 25; Brandt, 32; Clements, 2;
Conrad, 46; Dorn, 30; Dungan, 26; Prokop, 27; Raybould, 28.

WHEREAS, Patrica "Pat" Lopez, public health director, advocate, wife, mother, and nana passed away on March 2, 2025, at the age of seventy-two; and

WHEREAS, Pat was born on May 8, 1952, in Omaha, Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, Pat graduated from Marian High School in Omaha, received a nursing degree from Mount Marty University in Yankton, South Dakota, and earned a master's degree in public health nursing and administration from the University of Nebraska Medical Center; and

WHEREAS, Pat joined the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department in 1975 as a public health nurse, dedicating nearly fifty years to improving the health and well-being of our state, city, and county residents, with a special emphasis on those most vulnerable; and

WHEREAS, Pat used her vast public health knowledge and experience to enhance the quality of local health departments across the country by guiding them through the national accreditation process; and

WHEREAS, Pat worked tirelessly with Senator Jim Jensen and Senator Dennis Byars in 2001 to create a statewide local health department system that remains today; and

WHEREAS, Pat was a fierce advocate and supporter of public health, local public health departments, public health staff, and public health infrastructure in Nebraska.

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

1. That the Legislature offers its condolences to the family, friends, and colleagues of Pat Lopez.
2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the family of Pat Lopez.