

## ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE

## SECOND SESSION

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 442**

Introduced by Coash, 27.

WHEREAS, Donald (Don) R. Everett, Sr., of Lincoln, was born in 1943 to Wilbert and Sarah (Sally) Everett; and

WHEREAS, Don began working with his mother at the Runza near Pioneers Park in Lincoln in 1964, and two years later incorporated the business and opened his first Runza Drive-Inn Restaurant at 56th and Holdrege Streets in Lincoln; and

WHEREAS, Don's chain of Runza restaurants eventually grew to over 80 stores located in Nebraska, Colorado, Iowa, and Kansas. Runza received numerous awards under Don's management, including the Chamber Cornerstone Award, the National Restaurant Association Restaurant Neighbor Award, and the Rotary-Chamber Salute to Business Award; and

WHEREAS, Don also received the Nebraska Restaurateur of the Year Award and the United States Small Business Administration Award for Entrepreneurial Success, and was inducted into the Nebraska Business Hall of Fame, the Omaha Hospitality Hall of Fame, and the Lincoln Southeast High School Athletic Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, Don was very competitive in business and sports and always loved the underdog. He took great pride in the successful careers of thousands of his young employees and loved his grandchildren, several of whom also worked at his restaurants; and

WHEREAS, Don passed away on February 11, 2014, at age 70, and is survived by his wife, Sandra, three children, and eight grandchildren.

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

1. That the Legislature expresses its condolences to the family of Donald R. Everett and recognizes Don's entrepreneurial spirit and contributions to his home community of Lincoln and the State of Nebraska.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the family of Donald R. Everett.