

ONE HUNDRED FOURTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 40

Introduced by Coash, 27; Bolz, 29; Campbell, 25; Haar, 21; Hansen, 26; Morfeld, 46; Pansing Brooks, 28.

WHEREAS, Russell D. Brehm was born in Lincoln, Nebraska, on May 31, 1921; and

WHEREAS, in 1952, Russell founded the Douglas Theatre Company which started with a single drive-in theater in Omaha and grew to a chain of 101 movie screens; and

WHEREAS, in 2000, Russell was honored by the National Theatre Owners Association as the Theatre Owner of the Year; and

WHEREAS, under Russell's leadership, the Douglas Theatre Company sponsored an annual Make-A-Wish Academy Awards event that consistently raised over \$100,000 for the Make-A-Wish Foundation; and

WHEREAS, Russell started a relationship with Clinton Elementary School in Lincoln where he transported the entire student body to the theater for a Christmas party which included a movie, treats, and a gift for each student; and

WHEREAS, Russell was a life-long supporter and fan of the University of Nebraska, especially University of Nebraska football where he had been a season ticket holder since the early 1950's; and

WHEREAS, during Russell's lifetime, he only missed one home football game prior to the 2014 season due to being hospitalized; and

WHEREAS, Russell received the Clarence E. Swanson Memorial Award from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Athletic Department in 2005, and the University of Nebraska Alumni Achievement Award in 1995; and

WHEREAS, Russell and his late wife, Louise, established a scholarship fund that awards scholarships for students to attend college and become teachers; and

WHEREAS, at age 24, Russell was the youngest man ever elected to the Lancaster County Board of Commissioners where he served for three terms; and

WHEREAS, Russell was a World War II veteran and a member of the American Legion; and

WHEREAS, Russell D. Brehm passed away on January 20, 2015.

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

1. That the Legislature recognizes the contributions of Russell D. Brehm and extends its sympathy to his family.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the family of Russell D. Brehm.