

ONE HUNDRED FOURTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 55

Introduced by Ebke, 32.

WHEREAS, McBattas Packaging and Printing in Fairbury purchased the former Swingster Company sewing factory in 2000; and

WHEREAS, Fairbury native and owner, Fred Arnold, purchased the closed sewing factory to house his growing printing and packaging business; and

WHEREAS, MSA Brand Products, also owned by Fred Arnold, began manufacturing American flags in the former sewing factory building in 2014; and

WHEREAS, the flags sewn at the Fairbury factory are 100% American-made, including the raw materials purchased from suppliers in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Fred Arnold now employs a total of approximately 85 workers and hopes to increase the number of workers in the sewing division from 9 to 25 by the end of 2015; and

WHEREAS, MSA Brand Products joins a small but mighty group of American flag manufacturers located in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Fred Arnold has helped revive manufacturing in his hometown of Fairbury, hired back former Swingster factory sewers and created local jobs, and provided American retailers and consumers with quality American flags made in Nebraska.

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

1. That the Legislature recognizes Fred Arnold for his local economic development success in the Fairbury community.

2. That the Legislature commends MSA Brand Products for producing and selling American flags made in Nebraska.

3. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Fred Arnold and MSA Brand Products.