

ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 433

Introduced by Pansing Brooks, 28; DeBoer, 10; Morfeld, 46; Vargas, 7.

WHEREAS, the Lancaster County Veterans Treatment Court honors the service of justice-involved veterans through a rehabilitative program that combines intensive judicial supervision and treatment services to address the service-connected experiences of veterans and enhances public safety by returning law-abiding and productive citizens to the community; and

WHEREAS, the Lancaster County Veterans Treatment Court provides veterans support and rehabilitation through comprehensive substance use and mental health treatment, education, employment, vocational programs, and community resource referrals for housing, childcare, and transportation; and

WHEREAS, all charges are dismissed for veterans who graduate from the program which eases the strain on correctional services and the courts; and

WHEREAS, the Lancaster County Veterans Treatment Court has been named to the exclusive list of national mentor courts by the National Association of Drug Court Professionals and the United States Department of Justice; and

WHEREAS, the Lancaster County Veterans Treatment Court has been named one of just five national veterans mentor courts by Justice for Vets, a division of the National Association of Drug Court Professionals; and

WHEREAS, the Lancaster County Veterans Treatment Court will receive an award during a meeting of the Lancaster County Board of Commissioners to celebrate the national distinction of becoming a mentor court; and

WHEREAS, national mentor courts are exemplary treatment courts selected to act as model programs to assist new or growing courts for a three-year term. Such courts follow evidence-based best practices and play a significant role in national training, technical assistance, and research efforts for the nearly four thousand treatment courts that are currently operating nationwide; and

WHEREAS, as part of the mentor court network for 2022 through 2024, the

Lancaster County Veterans Treatment Court will help develop, identify, and test national best practices and provide technical assistance to jurisdictions interested in implementing a treatment court, including hosting site visits by team members from other jurisdictions around the country.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates the Lancaster County Veterans Treatment Court and all the dedicated individuals involved with the Lancaster County Veterans Treatment Court on receiving national recognition as a mentor court.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Lancaster County Veterans Treatment Court.