

ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 454

Introduced by Hilgers, 21; Arch, 14; Blood, 3; Cavanaugh, J., 9; Cavanaugh, M., 6; Day, 49; DeBoer, 10; Flood, 19; Hansen, M., 26; Hilkemann, 4; Hunt, 8; Kolterman, 24; Lathrop, 12; Lindstrom, 18; Linehan, 39; McDonnell, 5; McKinney, 11; Sanders, 45; Slama, 1; Stinner, 48; Vargas, 7; Williams, 36; Wishart, 27.

WHEREAS, David G. Brown has led the Greater Omaha Chamber as President and chief executive officer since 2003; and

WHEREAS, after leading economic development efforts in Michigan, Indiana, and South Carolina, David, his wife Maggie, and sons Greg and Elijah found their true Nebraska roots; and

WHEREAS, David's efforts have grown the chamber to over three-thousand-member businesses and institutions; and

WHEREAS, under David's leadership and his belief that "we accomplish more together", the chamber has developed an economic partnership that includes eight counties in Nebraska and Iowa; and

WHEREAS, during David's tenure, the partnership has produced more than nine hundred twenty projects, forty-seven thousand jobs, twelve billion dollars in capital investment, and an eighty-eight percent increase in average gross domestic product for the region; and

WHEREAS, under David's guidance, the chamber established Greater Omaha 2040, a community enhancement vision centered on people, place, and prosperity; and

WHEREAS, David has championed innovative approaches to transportation infrastructure development that includes expansion and enhancement of Nebraska's expressways, neighborhood streets, and modern transit systems; and

WHEREAS, David has led initiatives to expand the state's workforce through a close collaboration between early childhood, kindergarten through twelfth grade, and higher education institutions, businesses, and state and local government; and

WHEREAS, David fostered the creation of the chamber's Young Professionals Council and the annual YP Summit; and

WHEREAS, David's collaborative efforts have strengthened Nebraska's support for Offutt Air Force Base and the state's other defense installations and the defense personnel serving in the state; and

WHEREAS, under David's leadership the chamber has launched community-wide diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives, including the establishment of the Commitment to Opportunity, Diversity, and Equity; and

WHEREAS, David's commitment to addressing poverty and lack of opportunity is reflected in endeavors such as the chamber's North Omaha, South Omaha, and Midtown projects; and

WHEREAS, in 2015, the chamber was named Chamber of the Year by the Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives; and

WHEREAS, David has volunteered his time for numerous Omaha and state community service organizations; and

WHEREAS, in 2020, David was honored as a Distinguished NEBRASKAlander by the NEBRASKAland Foundation; and

WHEREAS, David has led the chamber to strengthen a truly collaborative and productive relationship with the Legislature; and

WHEREAS, David has announced his retirement from the chamber.

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

1. That the Legislature offers its sincere appreciation to David G. Brown for his service and looks forward to continuing to work with him on his inspired efforts to make Nebraska a great place to live, work, and play.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to David G. Brown.