

ONE HUNDRED FIRST LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 322

Introduced by Council, 11; Mello, 5; Nordquist, 7.

WHEREAS, Mary Kay Begley was born January 22, 1937, in Omaha, Nebraska, to Harry and Madeline Watson; and

WHEREAS, Mary Kay Begley dedicated her life to assisting those who ran into tough economic times; and

WHEREAS, Mary Kay Begley earned her bachelor's degree in history from Clarke College in Dubuque, Iowa, and earned her master's degree in history from Loyola University Chicago; and

WHEREAS, Mary Kay Begley completed her master's thesis on the Republican Convention of 1860 that nominated President Abraham Lincoln; and

WHEREAS, Mary Kay Begley taught social studies for more than ten years, including teaching at the now-closed Omaha Technical High School; and

WHEREAS, Mary Kay Begley was the first woman elected to the board of directors of the Metropolitan Utilities District in Omaha, serving in that capacity for twenty-one years; and

WHEREAS, Mary Kay Begley was a proud public servant who committed herself to serving low-income people who had trouble paying their heating bills; and

WHEREAS, Mary Kay Begley was a proud member of St. Cecilia Cathedral in Omaha and the Nebraska Democratic Party; and

WHEREAS, Mary Kay Begley was devoted to family, politics, and Notre Dame Fighting Irish football; and

WHEREAS, Mary Kay Begley died on February 15, 2010.

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

1. That the Legislature expresses its deep and sincere appreciation of Mary Kay Begley for her dedication and service to the people of Nebraska.

2. That the Legislature extends its sympathy and condolences to the family of Mary Kay Begley.

3. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the family of Mary Kay Begley.