

ONE HUNDRED FOURTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 69**

Introduced by Pansing Brooks, 28; Campbell, 25.

WHEREAS, Thomas R. Buecker was born on November 14, 1948, in Lincoln, Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, Tom graduated from Sidney High School in 1966 and went on to earn a bachelor's degree from Kearney State College. Tom received a master's degree from Chadron State College in 1992; and

WHEREAS, in 1974, Tom married Colleen Kay Blakeman and together they raised their two children, Michael and Anne; and

WHEREAS, in 1977, Tom was named the curator of the Neligh Flour Mill, and in 1985, he transferred to the Fort Robinson Museum near Crawford; and

WHEREAS, Tom spent 26 years researching and telling the story of Fort Robinson, including writing his master's degree thesis on the early history of Fort Robinson and his book "Fort Robinson and the American West 1874-1899"; and

WHEREAS, in 2011, Tom moved to Lincoln and worked at the Thomas Kennard House and the Nebraska Museum of History where he continued his research and writing; and

WHEREAS, in 2009, Tom was awarded the Distinguished Alumni Award from the University of Nebraska at Kearney; and

WHEREAS, Tom passed away on February 2, 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 Thomas R. Buecker and extends its sympathy to his family.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the family of Thomas R. Buecker.