

ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 50

Introduced by Arch, 14.

WHEREAS, on March 1, 2025, the NEBRASKAland Foundation will present the NEBRASKAlander Award, recognizing Nebraskans who have distinguished themselves through innovative business careers or public service, through voluntary leadership with a statewide impact, or through philanthropic contributions significantly benefiting the citizens of the state, to Kenneth E. Stinson at the annual Statehood Day Dinner held in the Nebraska State Capitol; and

WHEREAS, Ken Stinson is the Chairman Emeritus of Peter Kiewit Sons' Inc., one of North America's largest and most respected construction and engineering organizations, dating back to 1884, the employee-owned organization operates a network of subsidiaries in the United States, Canada, and Mexico with 2024 revenues of sixteen billion dollars; and

WHEREAS, Ken is a 1964 civil engineering graduate of the University of Notre Dame, served two and a half tours in Vietnam as an officer in the U.S. Navy Civil Engineer Corps serving as Company Commander in a Seabee Mobile Construction Battalion, and after his military service, he earned his master's in civil engineering from Stanford University in 1970; and

WHEREAS, Ken joined Kiewit in 1969 as a field engineer on a Bay Area Rapid Transit project, and was subsequently assigned to some of Kiewit's more notable projects. He then moved to Omaha, Nebraska, in 1982 to establish a new private client business development initiative to complement Kiewit's traditional public sector contracting and in subsequent years was later named President and CEO of Kiewit's construction and mining division in 1992 and in 1998, he was named Chairman, President, and CEO of the parent company and retired as CEO in 2005 and chairman in 2013; and

WHEREAS, while working for Kiewit, Ken began taking on leadership roles in

a variety of community projects, including chairing the non-profit organization overseeing the transformation of the Aksarben race track to what is now the vibrant Aksarben Village; the planning and designing of the CHI Arena and Convention Center, Lasting Hope Mental Health Recovery Center, and in collaboration with Rhonda Hawks, Charles Schwab College World Series Baseball Stadium, RiverFront Park in partnership with fellow Civic Leader, Mogens Bay, and currently a new comprehensive mental health center for children and adolescents at Children's Nebraska in Omaha; and

WHEREAS, Ken is a trustee emeritus of the University of Notre Dame and civic leader emeritus for the U.S. Air Force Civic Leaders Program, and in the construction industry, he is a member of the National Academy of Engineering, the National Academy of Construction, and is former chairman of the Construction Industry Round Table; and

WHEREAS, Ken's dedication to innovation in public service and voluntary leadership with a statewide impact earns him well-deserved respect and recognition.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates Kenneth E. Stinson as a recipient of the distinguished NEBRASKALander Award and extends its appreciation for his service to the State of Nebraska.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Kenneth E. Stinson.