

ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE

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Introduced by Jacobson, 42.

WHEREAS, Judy Ridenour has faithfully served as a member of the Upper Loup Natural Resources District (NRD) Board of Directors since 1990, providing thirty-four years of enthusiastic and passionate leadership in the conservation of natural resources; and

WHEREAS, Judy has contributed valuable insight not only from her perspective as a Director but also as a producer and conservationist, applying her firsthand experience to support the mission of the District; and

WHEREAS, as a producer, Judy has demonstrated her commitment to conservation by implementing numerous practices on her own property, including the establishment of windbreaks to provide protection for livestock and create a vital wildlife habitat; and

WHEREAS, Judy has actively monitored the health of her ranch through regular water quality testing for nitrates and bacteria and has consistently recorded and submitted daily precipitation data through the NeRain program; and

WHEREAS, as a Director, Judy has held several leadership roles within the Upper Loup NRD, contributing her time and expertise through active participation on various committees and through her service as a Delegate to the Nebraska Association of Resources Districts (NARD) since 2004; and

WHEREAS, Judy has been a longstanding member of the NARD Native Vegetation Forestry Subcommittee, served on the Program and Planning Committee, and has sponsored educational sessions at the NARD Annual Conference; and

WHEREAS, Judy played an integral role in the development of the Upper Loup NRD Groundwater Management Rules and Regulations, dedicating countless hours to attending additional meetings and offering her thoughtful input; and

WHEREAS, as a lifelong resident of Mullen, Nebraska, Judy's deep

appreciation for the Sandhills and its natural resources is reflected in her unwavering commitment to the Upper Loup NRD and the Nebraska Association of Resources Districts; and

WHEREAS, Judy is recognized for her progressive thinking, strong support of education and recycling initiatives, and unmatched dedication to natural resources conservation.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates Judy Ridenour for being named Nebraska's Natural Resources Districts Director of the Year.
2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Judy Ridenour.