

NINETY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 292

Introduced by Kristensen, 37

WHEREAS, Robert B. Crosby was born on March 26, 1911, in North Platte, Nebraska. He earned his undergraduate degree at the University of Minnesota and his law degree in 1935 at Harvard University; and

WHEREAS, Bob Crosby was elected to the Nebraska Legislature in 1941 and 1943, and in 1943 became Speaker of the Legislature. He volunteered for the United States Navy in 1944 during World War II and served in the Navy's legal department. He was elected Lieutenant Governor from 1947 to 1949; and

WHEREAS, Bob Crosby was elected Governor and served a two-year term from 1953 to 1955. During his term as Governor he improved the state highway system, sought to reform the personal property tax, and appointed two United States Senators, Eva Bowring and Sam Reynolds. Bob campaigned for the office of United States Senator in 1954; and

WHEREAS, Bob Crosby practiced law in Nebraska for 63 years, while still remaining active in politics. His legal interests included natural resources and water rights, and he continued to promote and improve the state highway system; and

WHEREAS, Bob Crosby married LaVon Stuart on May 22, 1971. Their many interests together included music, theater, travel, and

their faith, and especially being with each other and with their children and grandchildren. Bob was also a lifelong tennis player. Bob wholeheartedly supported LaVon's work in the Nebraska Legislature, becoming, as LaVon said, "The best little sign-pounder I had!"; and

WHEREAS, Bob Crosby, while active in his law practice, was also active in his community and church, including the Lincoln Senior Center, the Heart Fund, and the Cathedral of the Risen Christ, as well as others; and

WHEREAS, Bob Crosby was a landmark politician in Nebraska, and believed in and practiced politics at its highest level, demonstrating character, integrity, and honesty. And for those who knew Bob personally, he was kind, considerate, and always cheerful; and

WHEREAS, Bob Crosby died January 7, 2000; and

WHEREAS, Bob Crosby is survived by his wife, LaVon, children Robert and Susan, step-children Mary, Fred, Tim, and Mike, and by grandchildren and great grandchildren.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE NINETY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

1. That the people of the State of Nebraska appreciate Bob Crosby's decades of public service, and send their condolences to LaVon Crosby and family.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to State Senator LaVon Crosby.

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PRESIDENT OF THE LEGISLATURE

I, Patrick J. O'Donnell, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Legislative Resolution 292, which was passed by the Legislature of Nebraska in the Ninety-sixth Legislature, Second Session, on the XXXX(words)XXXX day of January 2000.

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CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE