

NINETY-NINTH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SESSION  
LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 45

Introduced by Brashear, 4

WHEREAS, the NEBRASKALAND Foundation on Saturday, March 5, 2005, at the annual Statehood Day dinner, held in the Nebraska State Capitol, presents the distinguished Nebraskalander award, along with the Wagonmaster, Trailblazer, and Pioneer awards; and

WHEREAS, the Wagonmaster Award is presented to Mr. Ralph Holzfaster. Mr. Holzfaster operates his family farm. Other business interests of Mr. Holzfaster include a successful commercial hunting business, an irrigation dealership, and a motel/convenience store. Some boards Mr. Holzfaster presently serves on include the Nebraska Public Power District, Mid Plains College Foundation, Natural Fibers Corporation, and Western Nebraska Development Foundation. He also has been a member of the Nebraska Ethanol Authority, the Governor's Water Conference Council, and the Governor's Advisory Committee. He has received the Nebraska Agribusiness Public Service Award, University of Nebraska Alumni Association College of Business Business Leadership Award, and West Central Nebraska Development Outstanding Citizen Award; and

WHEREAS, the Pioneer Award is presented to Ms. Nancy Hoch. Ms. Hoch's primary interest for many years has been to improve the quality of life and economic vitality of Nebraska City. The following are some examples of her dedication to Nebraska:

She worked for several years with Cargill Corporation to establish a "cooked meat" plant when the local plant was about to close, thus saving all the jobs; she recruited Arnie's Bagels and has been instrumental in the expansion and continuation of the American Meter Company; Ms. Hoch was primarily responsible for the location of the VF Factory Outlet Mall in Nebraska City; she led the long and determined process to transform Nebraska Highway 2 into a four-lane expressway between Lincoln and Nebraska City; and she is also well known for serving twelve years as a University of Nebraska Regent; and

WHEREAS, the Trailblazer Award is presented to Mr. Bryce Neidig. Bryce Neidig started farming in 1954 after completing a tour of duty with the United States Army in Korea. In 1966, he received outstanding young farmer awards from two different organizations. Mr. Neidig has gone on to serve agriculture in a variety of ways, including serving as president of the Madison County Farm Bureau and serving on the Nebraska Farm Bureau Board of Directors beginning in 1975. He was elected president of the board in 1981. He continued to serve in that capacity until he retired in 2002. In 1988, he was elected to the American Farm Bureau Board of Directors and continued to serve on that board until his retirement. He currently serves on the Governor's Agricultural Advisory Council, the State Capitol Commission, the State Historical Society Foundation, and the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, the distinguished NEBRASKALander Award is presented to Father Val J. Peter. Father Peter is the Executive Director of Girls and Boys Town, the original Father Flanagan's

Boys' Home. Father Peter assumed the position in 1985 and is the caretaker of Father Flanagan's dream of changing the way America cares for its children and families. He has led the growth of Girls and Boys Town from the Village of Boys Town, Nebraska, to nineteen sites in fourteen states and the District of Columbia. More than four hundred fifty thousand children and parents were directly assisted through the National Crisis Hotline this past year and nearly one million were helped indirectly through Outreach and Training Programs.

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

1. That the Legislature extends its appreciation to the aforesaid honorees for their service to the State of Nebraska.
2. That a copy of this resolution be given to all honorees.