

ONE HUNDRED FIFTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 20**

Introduced by Baker, 30.

WHEREAS, on August 21, 2017, the State of Nebraska will experience an extremely rare total solar eclipse, which occurs when the moon passes between the earth and the sun, causing a narrow track of darkness across the earth; and

WHEREAS, the solar eclipse will begin at approximately 11:30 a.m. Central Time and reach its peak of darkness at approximately 1:00 p.m. Central Time; and

WHEREAS, total solar eclipses occur with relative frequency but rarely over inhabited land masses; and

WHEREAS, the path for the eclipse in August will extend from the Oregon coast through Idaho, Wyoming, Nebraska, Kansas, Missouri, Illinois, Kentucky, Tennessee, Georgia, North Carolina, and South Carolina, making Nebraska a prime location for people to view the eclipse; and

WHEREAS, this is an unprecedented historic event for Nebraska and offers people from across the United States the opportunity to view a rare celestial event in Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, the total solar eclipse will give a number of counties across the state the opportunity to showcase Nebraska in a unique light.

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

1. That the Legislature recognizes this historic solar event and encourages all Nebraskans to safely experience the solar eclipse on August 21, 2017.