

ONE HUNDRED FIFTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 8

Introduced by Ebke, 32; Chambers, 11.

WHEREAS, Donald L. Eret was elected to serve in the Legislature in 1982 and served until the expiration of his term in 1987; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure in the Legislature, Donald L. Eret served as the vice-chairperson of the Business and Labor Committee, represented the Legislature as Commissioner for the Education Commission of the States, and was a member of the Agriculture and Environment, Education, Intergovernmental Cooperation, and Administrative Rules and Regulations Review Committees; and

WHEREAS, Donald L. Eret was a farmer involved in agriculture issues, organizing support for the Nebraska Tractor Test Laboratory and participating in the tractorcade to Washington, D.C., in 1978 with three thousand other farmers to protest U.S. farm policies; and

WHEREAS, Donald L. Eret was an active member of the United Methodist Church of Dorchester, the Dorchester American Legion Post, the Western Fraternal Life Association, the Nebraska Farmers Union, the Nebraska Wheat Growers Association, the Nebraska Grain Sorghum Producers Association, and the American Agriculture Movement; and

WHEREAS, Donald L. Eret was born on a farm south of Dorchester on May 31, 1931, attended a country school and graduated from Dorchester High School in 1948, continued his education at the University of Nebraska graduating with a Bachelor of Science degree in agricultural engineering in 1953, served on the staff at the Ordinance Guided Missile School in Huntsville, Alabama, during his service in the army, and worked as a mechanical-aerospace engineer for Brown-Teledyne Corporation where he provided engineering services to NASA on the Saturn V booster moon landing program before returning to Nebraska in 1970 to take over the family farm in 1972; and

WHEREAS, Donald L. Eret married Lois Naomi Arnold on December 22, 1950, and had three children, Joyce, Lee, and Larry, ten grandchildren, and seventeen great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Donald L. Eret passed away on January 4, 2017, the opening day of the One Hundred Fifth Legislature, and will be remembered for his advocacy and his love for his children, grandchildren, and wife Lois, who preceded him in death in 2015.

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

1. That the Legislature honors Donald L. Eret for his service to the State of Nebraska.
2. That the Legislature extends deep sympathy to the family of Donald L. Eret.
3. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the family of Donald L. Eret.