

ONE HUNDRED FIFTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 9

Introduced by Krist, 10; Albrecht, 17; Baker, 30; Blood, 3; Bolz, 29; Bostelman, 23; Brasch, 16; Brewer, 43; Briese, 41; Chambers, 11; Craighead, 6; Crawford, 45; Ebke, 32; Erdman, 47; Friesen, 34; Geist, 25; Groene, 42; Halloran, 33; Hansen, 26; Harr, 8; Hilgers, 21; Hilkemann, 4; Howard, 9; Hughes, 44; Kintner, 2; Kolowski, 31; Kolterman, 24; Kuehn, 38; Larson, 40; Lindstrom, 18; Linehan, 39; Lowe, 37; McCollister, 20; McDonnell, 5; Morfeld, 46; Murante, 49; Pansing Brooks, 28; Quick, 35; Riepe, 12; Scheer, 19; Schumacher, 22; Smith, 14; Stinner, 48; Vargas, 7; Walz, 15; Watermeier, 1; Wayne, 13; Williams, 36; Wishart, 27.

WHEREAS, John Wightman was elected to the Legislature in 2006 and reelected in 2010, representing the 36th Legislative District until 2015; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure in the Legislature, John Wightman served for 6 years as the chairman of the Executive Board of the Legislative Council and the Referencing Committee in addition to membership on the Committee on Appropriations, Legislative Performance Audit Committee, and Legislature's Planning Committee; and

WHEREAS, prior to his time in the Legislature, John Wightman had been the mayor of Lexington, the president of the Dawson County Bar Association, and a lay leader and financial chairman for the United Methodist Church as well as a member of the Lexington Planning Commission, Lexington City Council, Lexington Community Foundation Board of Directors, Dawson Area Development Board of Directors, Nebraska State Bar Association, Nebraska State Bar Foundation, and Lexington Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, John Wightman was born in North Platte on October 2, 1938, grew up between Sumner and Overton, graduated from Sumner High School, earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Kearney State College, taught high school for a year in Dannebrog, and went on to receive a Juris Doctorate from the University of Nebraska before pursuing a career as an attorney in Lexington; and

WHEREAS, John Wightman married Janet L. Hyde on June 14, 1964, and had three children, John, Jr., Jeffrey, and Jill, and four granddaughters; and

WHEREAS, John Wightman passed away on January 5, 2017, and will be

remembered for his intellect, open mind, and impact on the Lexington area and the state as a whole.

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

1. That the Legislature honors John Wightman for his service to the State of Nebraska.

2. That the Legislature extends deep sympathy to the family of John Wightman.

3. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the family of John Wightman.