

ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 187

Introduced by Albrecht, 17.

WHEREAS, Kevin John Heeney started volunteering as a firefighter at age 17; and

WHEREAS, Kevin helped start the volunteer fire department in Hubbard as a part of the Emerson Volunteer Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, when Kevin began as a firefighter, the only fire truck was a pickup truck with a tank of water on the back and there was no fire station so the truck was kept in the garage of Kevin's father's fertilizer business and in order to alert firefighters of an emergency call someone had to go to Main Street and manually flip a switch on the siren tower to sound the alarm; and

WHEREAS, Kevin was a part of gathering the information and addresses needed for the implementation of 911 in his communities; and

WHEREAS, Kevin has been a part of implementing numerous new technologies into firefighting including pagers, mobile phones, the automated external defibrillator, and the ability to start intravenous fluids; and

WHEREAS, Kevin has been on thousands of calls over the last fifty years and helped put out hundreds of grass fires, farm fires, and house fires; and

WHEREAS, the biggest and most impactful emergency Kevin was a part of was the crash of Flight 232 in 1989; and

WHEREAS, Kevin helped many people in car accidents and medical events, directed the helicopters to many rescue scenes, rescued people by boat when the highway has flooded, and acted as a spotter to look and assess the weather to warn his communities of tornado activity; and

WHEREAS, Kevin served as the captain of Hubbard Company 3 for many years; and

WHEREAS, thirty-three years ago, Kevin was one of the first group of

volunteers to become emergency medical technicians to help assist in medical emergencies; and

WHEREAS, Kevin walked many parades and represented the Hubbard Fire Department at hundreds of community events; and

WHEREAS, Kevin was on duty for many high school football games and events in case of an emergency; and

WHEREAS, Kevin worked with schools of Emerson and Hubbard to teach fire prevention to youth and used a theme each year to make learning both fun and educational; and

WHEREAS, the communities of Emerson and Hubbard are appreciative and grateful to Kevin for his fifty years of service and dedication as a firefighter.

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

1. That the Legislature recognizes and thanks Kevin John Heeney for his fifty years of service as firefighter for Emerson and Hubbard, Nebraska.
2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Kevin John Heeney.