

## ONE HUNDRED SECOND LEGISLATURE

## FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 31**

Introduced by Mello, 5; Nordquist, 7.

WHEREAS, Duane Brooks recently completed his 2011 term as president of the South Omaha Neighborhood Alliance; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Brooks has selflessly served as president of the South Omaha Neighborhood Alliance from January 2008 through December 2011 and as vice-president from January 2005 through December 2007; and

WHEREAS, under Mr. Brooks' thoughtful leadership, the South Omaha Neighborhood Alliance has served as a catalyst in encouraging neighborhood involvement through the South Omaha Development Project, the South 24th Street Tree of Life Project, the redevelopment of the Dorothy Patach Natural Environmental Area, Santa Claus at the Southeast Precinct, and National Night Out events; and

WHEREAS, due to Mr. Brooks' dedication to volunteerism, the South Omaha Neighborhood Alliance now participates regularly in graffiti abatement events, neighborhood cleanups, citizen patrols, and community celebrations that aim to foster better neighborhood relations with the Omaha Police Department; and

WHEREAS, as a longtime South Omahan, Mr. Brooks has worked tirelessly to not only organize and foster the Karen Western Neighborhood Association, but also to support the Neighborhood Center in their effort to strengthen all Omaha neighborhood associations; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Brooks has consistently prioritized fostering civic and neighborhood engagement, maintaining open dialogue among South Omaha community organizations, encouraging support for more youth programs and activities, and promoting a new level of mutual respect among neighbors of all backgrounds.

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

1. That the Legislature thanks Duane Brooks for his years of service to the South Omaha Neighborhood Alliance, the Karen Western Neighborhood Association, and the people of South Omaha.
2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Duane Brooks.