

ONE HUNDRED FOURTH LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 422

Introduced by Campbell, 25; Baker, 30.

WHEREAS, on February 1, 1966, the city of Lincoln purchased from the Consumers Public Power District the properties in and around Lincoln which officially established the Lincoln Electric System (LES); and

WHEREAS, the purchase agreement initially provided that the electric system would be managed by the Consumers Public Power District with oversight by the City Power Advisory Board; and

WHEREAS, in November 1970, Lincoln voters overwhelmingly approved a ballot measure to create a semiautonomous administrative board to provide management of LES; and

WHEREAS, the LES administrative board hired Walter A. Canney effective August 16, 1971, to serve as the first administrator of LES; and

WHEREAS, for the past 50 years, LES customers have benefited from the key principles of local and public utility ownership which include local control, low rates, reliable service, and customer engagement; and

WHEREAS, LES has seen significant system growth over the past 50 years, including a growth in gross revenues from \$11 million in 1966 to approximately \$315 million in 2015; and

WHEREAS, for the past 50 years, LES has provided Lincoln homes and businesses with reliable, safe, and efficient electric service at retail rates which are consistently among the lowest in the country; and

WHEREAS, for the past 50 years, Lincoln has been well served by the many local people serving local people, including the 80 Lincoln residents who have served on the LES administrative board and the many men and women who have been employed by LES; and

WHEREAS, for 50 years, LES has been, and will continue to be, a valuable

community asset and a proven leader in the areas of integrity, reliability, safety, customer service, environmental responsibility, energy efficiency, and fiscal responsibility.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates the city of Lincoln, the Lincoln Electric System, and all of the present and past LES employees and board members on its 50th anniversary of operation in Lincoln.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Mayor Chris Beutler and LES Administrator and Chief Executive Officer Kevin Wailles.