

ONE HUNDRED FIFTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 244

Introduced by McDonnell, 5.

WHEREAS, Edward Danner was born on February 14, 1900, in Guthrie, Oklahoma, and settled in Omaha before beginning a career as a butcher; and

WHEREAS, Edward Danner served in numerous leadership positions in the United Packinghouse Workers of America (UPWA) union, AFL-CIO, including Field Representative and Vice-President and worked in South Omaha in the Union Stock Yards for Swift and Company Packinghouse located in Nebraska's Legislative District 5; and

WHEREAS, Edward Danner was elected to the Nebraska Legislature in 1962 and served until 1970, representing Legislative District 11 in North Omaha; and

WHEREAS, Senator Danner was the first member of the Nebraska Legislature to have previously held a leadership position in an AFL-CIO trade union; and

WHEREAS, Senator Danner served in the Nebraska Legislature during the height of the civil rights movement and passed legislation to legalize interracial marriage, prohibit racial discrimination in housing and employment, and to allow public employees to collectively bargain; and

WHEREAS, Senator Danner helped create the Nebraska Equal Opportunity Commission, an agency created by statute in 1965 to enforce the public policy of the state against discrimination.

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

1. That the Legislature designates February 14, 2018, as Edward Danner Day.

2. That Nebraskans are encouraged to come together to recognize, commemorate, and celebrate the history, accomplishments, and importance of Senator Edward Danner.

3. That Nebraskans are also encouraged to study the civil rights movement in Nebraska and Nebraska's history of organized labor.