

ONE HUNDRED FIFTH LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 318

Introduced by Scheer, 19.

WHEREAS, on Saturday, March 3, 2018, the NEBRASKAland Foundation will present the Distinguished NEBRASKAlander Award to three honorees at the annual Statehood Day Dinner held in the Nebraska State Capitol; and

WHEREAS, a Distinguished NEBRASKAlander Award will be presented to Clark A. Kolterman, who is a resident of Seward and who became an educator after over twenty years as a small business owner. He has a bachelor's degree from the University of Nebraska at Kearney and two master's degrees from Concordia University in Seward. Mr. Kolterman has held leadership roles in nearly two dozen community and state organizations and has received multiple state and national recognitions for his teaching excellence and community service. He has spent much of his adult life promoting his community, this state, and our nation through various activities, including Seward's Fourth of July Celebration, an event he helped originate in 1969, which has received multiple state and national awards; and

WHEREAS, a Distinguished NEBRASKAlander Award will be presented to James B. Milliken, who is a native of Fremont. Mr. Milliken has a bachelor's degree from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and a law degree from New York University. He has held leadership positions at several major universities, including serving as president of the University of Nebraska for ten years. In June, 2014, he became chancellor of The City University of New York, the third-largest public university in the United States. During his presidency at the University of Nebraska, a number of major initiatives were successfully launched, including significant facility improvements and expansions on all of the campuses in the university system. In addition, he promoted multiple areas of research excellence, such as the Robert B. Daugherty Water for Food Global

Institute, which is recognized internationally for its expertise in helping find innovative ways to feed the world; and

WHEREAS, a Distinguished NEBRASKALander Award will be presented to E. Benjamin Nelson, who is a native of McCook. Senator Nelson earned his bachelor's, master's, and law degrees from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. He began his career as a state insurance regulator and subsequently held multiple positions as an insurance industry executive. In 1990, he was elected to his first of two terms as the Governor of Nebraska. In 2000, he was elected to his first of two terms as a United States Senator. He was a strong advocate for renewable fuels during his years as Governor and Senator and helped promote policies which contributed to Nebraska having the second largest biofuels industry in the nation. As a U.S. Senator, he provided critical leadership supporting the U.S. Strategic Command headquartered at Offutt Air Force Base. Following his 20 years in public office, he became the chief executive officer of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners until stepping down in 2016.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates the recipients of the Distinguished NEBRASKALander Award and extends its appreciation for their service to the State of Nebraska.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Clark A. Kolterman, James B. Milliken, and E. Benjamin Nelson.