

ONE HUNDRED SIXTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 107

Introduced by Wayne, 13.

WHEREAS, the Omaha Healthy Kids Alliance has received the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) National Environmental Leadership Award in Asthma Management. This award is the EPA's highest recognition a program and its leaders can receive for delivering excellent environmental asthma management; and

WHEREAS, the EPA's National Environmental Leadership Award in Asthma Management is given annually to a health plan, health care provider, and a community in action, to showcase the highest standards in asthma care and management; and

WHEREAS, in 2015, six percent of Omaha area children had asthma, with the highest rates among those in very low income households and among African-American and Latino children; and

WHEREAS, since 2014 the Omaha Healthy Kids Alliance has administered the Asthma In-Home Response Program, performing home assessments and designing home construction interventions for families who have children with asthma. The alliance also educates families to eliminate environmental triggers, leading to a reduction in missed school days, emergency room visits, and symptomatic days; and

WHEREAS, the Omaha Healthy Kids Alliance helps families make connections between health and housing issues by assessing homes, educating families, making informed referrals, and connecting clients to home repair services to reduce health and safety risks.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates the Omaha Healthy Kids Alliance on

receiving the National Environmental Leadership Award in Asthma Management.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Omaha Healthy Kids Alliance.