

ONE HUNDRED SIXTH LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 360

Introduced by Lowe, 37.

WHEREAS, Hot Meals U.S.A., founded by Dick Cochran two years ago, served over 120,000 free meals in Kearney during the coronavirus pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Dick takes pride in the food he serves and was quoted as saying, "They get one heck of a meal."; and

WHEREAS, for eleven weeks Dick, his family, and volunteers prepared, served, and delivered 2,000 meals, six days a week, to ensure their neighbors were fed; and

WHEREAS, Dick and the volunteers began serving meals on March 16th at the Kearney Jubilee Center, then moved distribution to the Church of Christ, and finally settled in the parking lot of the Museum of Nebraska Arts in cooperation with the City of Kearney; and

WHEREAS, Dick Cochran's efforts in Kearney expanded to Lexington with the help of John McCoy, owner of Orthman Manufacturing, Inc., where over 40 volunteers served about 1,000 meals a day in Lexington; and

WHEREAS, the community helped each other, raising over \$40,000 to serve hot meals to neighbors in need in Kearney and Lexington.

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

1. That the Legislature recognizes Dick Cochran and Hot Meals U.S.A. for providing meals in Kearney and Lexington.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Dick Cochran.