

ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 271

Introduced by Brewer, 43; Pansing Brooks, 28.

WHEREAS, Nebraskans value the history of this state and the men and women who have shaped our history; and

WHEREAS, Nebraskans appreciate and respect the sacrifices of our military servicemen and servicewomen, as well as the families that support them; and

WHEREAS, Nebraska is working to become the most military and veteran-friendly state in the nation; and

WHEREAS, Nebraska has a proud military history predating the Civil War; and

WHEREAS, The First Regiment Nebraska Volunteer Infantry proudly fought on behalf of the Union during the Civil War; and

WHEREAS, The state should do all it can to honor past and present military members; and

WHEREAS, from his birth on the banks of the Niobrara River in Nebraska until his death in 1908, Chief Standing Bear spent his life striving to gain equality and justice for Native American people; and

WHEREAS, following the Treaty of 1868, Chief Standing Bear and the Ponca Tribe were forced by the federal government to leave their homeland in Nebraska for Indian Territory in present-day Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, the hardships of travel, illness, and the conditions of Indian Territory caused many members of the Ponca Tribe to perish, including Chief Standing Bear's son; and

WHEREAS, determined to bury his son in his homeland, Chief Standing Bear led thirty members of his tribe back to their home in Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, The United States Army detained Chief Standing Bear upon his return to Nebraska and supporters in Omaha then filed a writ of habeas corpus

on behalf of Chief Standing Bear and the Ponca Tribe; and

WHEREAS, Chief Standing Bear became the first Native American to be recognized as a person in a federal court decision issued at trial in Omaha; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to honor Chief Standing Bear as one of the most important persons in Nebraska history, as a leader of the original Native American inhabitants of Nebraska, and for his influence in fighting for justice and equality under the law.

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

1. That the Legislature hereby names the building owned by this state and located at 1526 K Street, Lincoln, Nebraska, as the First Nebraska Administrative Building.

2. That the Legislature hereby names the building owned by this state and located at 521 South 14th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska, as Chief Standing Bear Justice Administration Building.