

ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 274

Introduced by Flood, 19.

WHEREAS, on February 3, 1968, Darin Koepke was born to Larry and Diane Koepke in Norfolk; and

WHEREAS, on February 25, 1968, Darin Koepke was baptized and on May 30, 1982, he was confirmed at Zion East Lutheran Church in Hoskins; and

WHEREAS, he graduated from Pierce High School in 1986 and Northeast Community College in 1988, where he was inducted into the Northeast Community College Hall of Success for his devotion to agriculture; and

WHEREAS, Darin actively served at St. John's Lutheran Church in Pierce, shepherding young men and women in their faith; and

WHEREAS, he was a loving father and husband dutifully committed to his family; and

WHEREAS, he proudly made agriculture his livelihood, eventually landing his dream job at Agrex Inc., where he spent the last twenty-two years of his life; and

WHEREAS, on October 21, 2021, a disgruntled former employee, who had been let go earlier that day, returned to the Agrex grain elevator in Superior and opened fire on employees; and

WHEREAS, Darin took quick action and barricaded a door to prevent the attacker from killing additional people; and

WHEREAS, on that day a former employee at Agrex killed two people and wounded one other; and

WHEREAS, Darin Koepke from Hadar was one of those tragically killed that day; and

WHEREAS, several lives were likely saved through Darin's actions; and

WHEREAS, Darin Koepke was a man utterly committed to faith, family, and

his community.

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

1. That the Legislature recognizes the heroic actions of Darin Koepke to help save the lives of others.
2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the family of Darin Koepke.