

ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 301

Introduced by Gragert, 40.

WHEREAS, Daniel "Dan" J. Gillespie was born on October 30, 1954, in Norfolk, Nebraska, to Leo and Martha (Kubes) Gillespie; and

WHEREAS, Dan operated a family farm near Battle Creek, Nebraska and received several awards and honors for his soil health practices; and

WHEREAS, Dan "The Tree Man" positively influenced hundreds of Battle Creek students while educating them about trees and other plant life; and

WHEREAS, Dan was employed by the Natural Resources Conservation Service for thirty years and served as a No-Till Specialist; and

WHEREAS, Dan helped develop the Lower Elkhorn Natural Resources District's No-Till Incentive Program that received a No-Till Innovator Award at the 2004 National No-Tillage Conference; and

WHEREAS, in 2019, Dan was awarded the Master Conservationist Award in recognition of his lifelong leadership and achievements in managing and conserving Nebraska's water and soil; and

WHEREAS, Dan had five children, Amber, Brooke, Cassidy, Chloe, and Cora and five grandchildren, Bennett, Zavannah, Hollis, Everleigh, and Noah; and

WHEREAS, Dan passed away on Sunday, February 13, 2022, at the age of 67.

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

1. That the Legislature honors Daniel J. Gillespie for his contributions to conservation and soil health.

2. That the Legislature offers its condolences to the family of Daniel J. Gillespie.

3. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the family of Daniel J. Gillespie.