

ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 436

Introduced by Lathrop, 12; Aguilar, 35; Albrecht, 17; Arch, 14; Blood, 3; Bostar, 29; Bostelman, 23; Brandt, 32; Brewer, 43; Briese, 41; Cavanaugh, J., 9; Cavanaugh, M., 6; Clements, 2; Day, 49; DeBoer, 10; Dorn, 30; Erdman, 47; Flood, 19; Friesen, 34; Geist, 25; Gragert, 40; Halloran, 33; Hansen, B., 16; Hansen, M., 26; Hilgers, 21; Hilkemann, 4; Hughes, 44; Hunt, 8; Jacobson, 42; Kolterman, 24; Lindstrom, 18; Linehan, 39; Lowe, 37; McCollister, 20; McDonnell, 5; McKinney, 11; Morfeld, 46; Moser, 22; Murman, 38; Pansing Brooks, 28; Sanders, 45; Slama, 1; Stinner, 48; Vargas, 7; Walz, 15; Wayne, 13; Williams, 36; Wishart, 27.

WHEREAS, Brad Ashford of Omaha was a distinguished member of this Legislature, serving from 1987 through 1995 and again from 2007 through 2015, and of United States House of Representatives, serving from 2015 through 2017; and

WHEREAS, Brad served this Legislature as a member of the Executive Board, the Appropriations, Transportation, Intergovernmental Cooperation, Education, and Judiciary Committees, and served as Chairperson of the Intergovernmental Cooperation Committee from 1993 through 1995 and Chairperson of the Judiciary Committee from 2007 through 2015; and

WHEREAS, Brad was born and raised in Omaha, attended Westside High School, Gustavus Adolphus College, and Colgate University, and received his J.D. from Creighton University School of Law in 1974; and

WHEREAS, Brad married Ann Ferlic in 1993 and the couple raised three children: John, Ellie, and Tom; and

WHEREAS, Brad served the city of Omaha working to preserve Joslyn Castle and as a founding member of the Metropolitan Entertainment and Convention Authority, chairperson of the Omaha Housing Authority Board, Senior Fellow of the Creighton University School of Law Werner Institute for Negotiation and Dispute Resolution, cofounder of the Werner Institute Public Issues Collaboration Initiative, and member of the Salvation Army Advisory Board; and

WHEREAS, Brad's many public policy achievements in the Legislature included advancing successful bills to create the learning communities in the

Omaha metropolitan area and the first permit to purchase system in the United States, to reform the juvenile justice system and the Nebraska Commission on Industrial Relations, to enable stem cell research to continue, and to provide medicaid coverage to undocumented pregnant mothers. Additionally, Brad provided tireless advocacy in support of public schools and teachers; and

WHEREAS, Brad, as a member of the United States House of Representatives, passed innovative legislation creating the first public-private partnership for United States Department of Veteran Affairs construction with the CHIP IN for Vets Act which paved the way for the Omaha Veterans Affairs Ambulatory Care Center.

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

1. That the Legislature honors Brad Ashford for a life of dedication to the law and of leadership and service to the State of Nebraska and the city of Omaha.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Brad and Ann Ashford.