

ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 473**

Introduced by Vargas, 7.

WHEREAS, the Omaha Symphony is conducted by Ankush Kumar Bahl and provides orchestral performances and musical entertainment and education to the community of Omaha, Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, Sculptures, a collection of movements composed by Andy Akiho and performed by the Omaha Symphony, was nominated for three Grammy Awards; and

WHEREAS, Sculptures was composed to honor one of Omaha's most celebrated ceramic artists, Jun Kaneko, and includes sculptures, artwork, and music from three of his designed and produced operas: Beethoven's Fidelio, Puccini's Madame Butterfly, and Mozart's The Magic Flute; and

WHEREAS, the fourth movement, Cylinders, was nominated for Best Classical Instrumental Solo; the final movement, in that space, at that time, was nominated for Best Contemporary Classical Composition; and the entire collection was nominated for Best Classical Compendium; and

WHEREAS, since its founding in 1921, these Grammy Awards nominations are the first for the Omaha Symphony; and

WHEREAS, the Omaha Symphony's performances serve as an integral part in Omaha's cultural and musical communities.

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

1. That the Legislature recognizes and congratulates the Omaha Symphony and Andy Akiho for their Grammy Award nominations.

2. That the Legislature honors the incredible career of internationally renowned artist Jun Kaneko.

3. That copies of this resolution be sent to the Omaha Symphony and Ankush Kumar Bahl.