

ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 131**

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WHEREAS, Stanley Staab of Kearney, Nebraska, is posthumously inducted into the Nebraska Natural Resources Districts (NRD) Hall of Fame in the employee category, in recognition of his extraordinary career and lifelong commitment to conserving and protecting Nebraska's natural resources; and

WHEREAS, Stan Staab dedicated nearly thirty-six years of his professional life to Nebraska's NRDs, beginning in 1979 at the Upper Big Blue NRD in York, Nebraska, and then serving twenty-eight years as the General Manager of the Lower Elkhorn NRD in Norfolk, Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, Staab provided visionary leadership in the planning, development, and construction of numerous flood control projects, including the Scribner, Pender, Howells, Wakefield, and Winslow levees, as well as the Maple Creek Recreation Area and flood control dam near Leigh, Nebraska, which required more than a decade of dedicated effort to complete; and

WHEREAS, Staab's legacy includes the enhancement and improvement of recreation areas such as Maskenthine Lake and Willow Creek State Recreation Area, and the successful development of rural water systems, including the Logan East Rural Water System and the Wau-Col Regional Water System, which provide safe and reliable water to thousands of Nebraskans; and

WHEREAS, Staab was a strong advocate for groundwater management, working closely with staff, research partners, and the board of directors to develop comprehensive and innovative plans to address groundwater challenges, particularly during periods of drought; and

WHEREAS, Staab was a champion of outdoor recreation and community partnerships, supporting trail development projects such as the Cowboy Trail Connector in Norfolk and the Norfolk Riverfront Project, as well as urban recreation and forestry projects throughout the district; and

WHEREAS, Staab's leadership was marked by his ability to build strong relationships with local communities, partnering agencies, elected boards, and staff, all united by a shared commitment to soil and water stewardship and the long-term sustainability of Nebraska's natural resources; and

WHEREAS, Staab passed away peacefully on March 5, 2024, at the age of seventy-seven, leaving behind a profound legacy of leadership, dedication, and passion for Nebraska's natural resources and the people who depend on them.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates Stanley Staab for his exceptional service, vision, and impact on Nebraska's Natural Resources Districts and for his well-deserved posthumous induction into the Nebraska Natural Resources Districts Hall of Fame.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the family of Stanley Staab.