

ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 51**

Introduced by Arch, 14.

WHEREAS, on March 1, 2025, the NEBRASKAland Foundation will present the NEBRASKAlander Award, recognizing Nebraskans who have distinguished themselves through innovative business careers or public service, through voluntary leadership with a statewide impact, or through philanthropic contributions significantly benefiting the citizens of the state, to Dave Heineman and Sally Ganem at the annual Statehood Day Dinner held in the Nebraska State Capitol; and

WHEREAS, former Governor Dave Heineman is Nebraska's longest serving Governor from January 2005 to January 2015, was elected to his first full term on November 7, 2006, and re-elected on November 2, 2010; and

WHEREAS, Dave worked with the Nebraska Legislature to pass two of the largest tax relief packages in Nebraska history, was a strong supporter of education, helped open Nebraska's first international trade office in Tokyo, Japan, and secured several trade agreements for Nebraska agriculture products; and

WHEREAS, Dave is currently the Chair of the Fremont Municipal Inland Port Authority and serves on the Advisory Board of the Hunt-Kean Leadership Fellows, which provides political leaders from across the country with the knowledge they need to cultivate smart and effective education agendas; and

WHEREAS, Dave is a native Nebraskan, graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point, served five years in the United States Army, rose to the rank of captain, and graduated from the Army's Airborne and Ranger schools; and

WHEREAS, Former First Lady Sally Ganem was an elementary school teacher and principal for over thirty years in the Fremont and Gretna public schools;

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WHEREAS, Sally received her bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Nebraska at Omaha and received their Outstanding UNO Alumni Award in 2013; and

WHEREAS, Sally currently serves on the Fremont City Council, the Uniquely Yours Board of Directors, the Northeast Nebraska Economic Development District as the treasurer, the Keene Memorial Library Board of Directors as the Fremont City Council liaison, Keep Fremont Beautiful board, and Ridge Cemetery Board and has been active in many local, state, and national organizations, including MADD, Serve Nebraska, United Way, and Big Brothers/Big Sisters; and

WHEREAS, former Governor Dave Heineman and former First Lady Sally Ganem's dedication to their community and their voluntary leadership with a statewide impact earns them well-deserved respect and recognition.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates Dave Heineman and Sally Ganem as recipients of the distinguished NEBRASKAlander Award and extends its appreciation for their service to the State of Nebraska.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Dave Heineman and Sally Ganem.