

ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 304

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WHEREAS, on March 2, 2024, the NEBRASKAland Foundation will present the Distinguished NEBRASKAlander Award, recognizing Nebraskans who have distinguished themselves and the state, to Karen and Robert Duncan at the annual Statehood Day Dinner held in the Nebraska State Capitol; and

WHEREAS, Karen and Robert started their journey as successful business leaders, avid art collectors, and devoted community leaders in Clarinda, Iowa, where Robert's father laid the foundation for Duncan Aviation before the company moved its headquarters to Lincoln Municipal Airport in 1963 where Robert became company president at the age of twenty-six; and

WHEREAS, under Robert's leadership, Duncan Aviation transformed into a comprehensive and innovative aviation company offering an array of services in maintenance, modifications, avionics, accessories, and instrumental repairs and has repeatedly been named to Fortune Magazine's 100 Best Companies to Work For; and

WHEREAS, in 1965, Robert married Karen, an accomplished pianist and author, and the couple have two children who followed in their father's footsteps by entering the family businesses; and

WHEREAS, Karen and Robert are passionate about contemporary art and founded the Clarinda Carnegie Art Museum, a nonprofit institution serving as an educational resource for southwest Iowa; established The Assemblage, a private exhibition in downtown Lincoln, Nebraska; and created an artist-in-residence program in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, in addition to continuing to offer their expertise to numerous boards focused on the arts; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes the leadership of Karen and Robert Duncan and their continued dedication to the arts and sciences.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates Karen and Robert Duncan 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 Karen and Robert Duncan.