

ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 305**

Introduced by Arch, 14.

WHEREAS, on March 2, 2024, the NEBRASKALAND Foundation will present the Distinguished NEBRASKALANDER Award, recognizing Nebraskans who have distinguished themselves and the state, to Al Svajgr at the annual Statehood Day Dinner held in the Nebraska State Capitol; and

WHEREAS, Al grew up on a farm near Diller, Nebraska, and attended a one-room grade school in Jefferson County before graduating from Diller Rural High School, Fairbury Junior College, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln with degrees in animal science, and the University of Kentucky with a PhD in animal science and nutrition; and

WHEREAS, Al was married to Judy Smith from Cozad, Nebraska, in 1966 until her passing in 1997, and later married JoAnn Braun in 1998 and together they have three children; and

WHEREAS, Al's career began at Continental Grain in Chicago from 1971 to 1977 where he worked in research until moving back to Cozad in 1977 to join his father-in-law's business of cattle feeding and ranching; and

WHEREAS, Al continued the tradition of cattle feeding, ranching, and farming operations as the owner of Agrow, Inc.; became an original owner and chairman of the board of Darr Feedlot, Inc., a commercial cattle feedlot that recently celebrated over forty years in business; and is the director of Waypoint Bank and chairman of Midwest Banco Corp., a bank holding company; and

WHEREAS, Al's parents taught him to participate in and support the tools and activities that helped shape future successes in life, which for him includes his home town, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, his fraternity Alpha Gamma Rho, and the future leaders of the cattle business in Nebraska and the United States; and

WHEREAS, Al's community and volunteer service reflect his dedication to instrumental leadership roles which include: the Chairman of the National Beef Check-Off Board, the President of the Ag Builders of Nebraska, Nebraska Lead Board, the University of Nebraska Foundation Board of Trustees, and the creation of Nebraska Cattlemen, among many others.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates Al Svajgr as a recipient of the Distinguished NEBRASKAlander Award and extends its appreciation for his service to the State of Nebraska.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Al Svajgr.