

ONE HUNDREDTH LEGISLATURE
SECOND SESSION
LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 237

Introduced by Heidemann, 1; Flood, 19.

WHEREAS, the Reverend Ray S. Wilke and Mr. Clayton Andrews, both of Norfolk, Nebraska, founded the Orphan Grain Train after Reverend Wilke visited Latvia and Russia in 1992 and saw the need for spiritual and humanitarian aid in those countries; and

WHEREAS, Orphan Grain Train's mission statement reads as follows: "In loving response to Christ, the Servant, the Orphan Grain Train movement encourages and enables God's people to share personal and material resources in bringing Christ's name and character to needy people, both far and near. Sometimes that character expresses itself as a word well spoken, sometimes as a bandage well applied, and sometimes as a child well fed."; and

WHEREAS, Orphan Grain Train's motto is from John 14:18: "I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you."; and

WHEREAS, the Orphan Grain Train provides relief for human need worldwide; and

WHEREAS, the Orphan Grain Train has sent over fifty million pounds of supplies to needy people in more than forty countries; and

WHEREAS, more than one thousand three hundred semitrailer truckloads of clothes, medical supplies and equipment, food, quilts, Bibles, and Bible materials have been sent to Orphan

Grain Train partners in North America and overseas; and

WHEREAS, people donate money, food, and materials to Orphan Grain Train for people in crises in this country and around the world; and

WHEREAS, in addition, many food and materials shipments go to missions and destitute families in the United States each year. Relief supplies are also sent in response to natural disasters, including support for the volunteer camps in Mississippi and Louisiana after Hurricane Katrina, support for the community of Greensburg, Kansas, after the May 3, 2007, F-5 tornado, and support for flood victims in Ohio; and

WHEREAS, clean clothing and medical supplies are carefully sorted and packed in boxes at Orphan Grain Train regional warehouses. The supplies are then loaded and shipped where they are most needed in the world. They are distributed by Orphan Grain Train partners to churches, hospitals, orphanages, prisons, and schools; and

WHEREAS, Orphan Grain Train has eighteen regional shipping depots and work centers which receive the donated money, food, and materials; and

WHEREAS, Orphan Grain Train is a faith-based organization that also furnishes material goods to other organizations that minister to spiritual and religious needs; and

WHEREAS, Orphan Grain Train shipments are approximately fifty percent within North America and fifty percent to other parts of the world; and

WHEREAS, Orphan Grain Train will not ship to any recipient until they have been thoroughly investigated and found to

be responsible and in need; and

WHEREAS, much has been accomplished through Orphan Grain Train, though more remains to be done. Volunteers throughout the United States are invited to "climb aboard" the Orphan Grain Train using their own resources, time, and effort to respond to the material and spiritual needs of people around the world.

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

1. That Orphan Grain Train be recognized for its fifteen years of bringing relief to people in need worldwide and commended for its efforts here in Nebraska and around the world.

2. That copies of this resolution be sent to Orphan Grain Train, Inc., of Norfolk, Nebraska, and to the entire community of Norfolk for being the host city to this outstanding international organization.