

ONE HUNDRED FIRST LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 264

Introduced by Pahls, 31.

WHEREAS, Bill and Evonne Williams, of Omaha, spearheaded the Heartland Honor Flights in 2008 and 2009; and

WHEREAS, the Heartland Honor Flights were initiated by Mr. and Mrs. Williams to pay tribute to the veterans of World War II, the Greatest Generation; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Williams solicited contributions from business leaders and private contributors to cover the costs of the flights and arrangements for the veterans and guardians to travel to Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, eight flights transported over 1,500 midland veterans to Washington, D.C., to view the national World War II Memorial created in their honor; and

WHEREAS, the Honor Flights brought veterans and their families back together to recognize the contributions of the Greatest Generation; and

WHEREAS, many of the honored veterans expressed that the experience and recognition were the highlight of their lives; and

WHEREAS, military representatives assisted in the transportation and logistics of the flights; and

WHEREAS, many of the veterans who made the flights were honored again at a dinner reunion held in Omaha over the Memorial

Day weekend; and

WHEREAS, a traveling Memorial Wall inscribed with the names of every member of the military killed in World War II through the Persian Gulf War was brought to Omaha, and veterans were given a private display for the Honor Flight participants.

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

1. That the Legislature recognizes the efforts of Bill and Evonne Williams in spearheading the Heartland Honor Flights.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Bill and Evonne Williams.