

## ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE

## FIRST SESSION

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 67**

Introduced by Hadley, 37.

WHEREAS, YMCAs throughout America have provided immeasurable benefits to people of all ages for over 160 years, and the YMCAs of Nebraska have served our communities throughout the state for over 14 decades; and

WHEREAS, more than 279,000 families in Nebraska benefit directly from the YMCA's extensive programming for all ages and interest groups and from the YMCA's focus on youth development, healthy living, including chronic disease prevention, and social responsibility; and

WHEREAS, more than 168,000 Nebraska children and youth benefit each year from programs such as YMCA day care and after-school care, basketball, volleyball and other sports, character counts, and other programs which build self-esteem, interpersonal skills, and social skills; and

WHEREAS, no one is turned away for inability to pay. The Nebraska YMCAs provide more than \$3.4 million of annual support to our communities; and

WHEREAS, more than 7,079 individuals volunteer at the YMCA each year, making the YMCAs of Nebraska one of the largest volunteer-led and driven organizations in Nebraska. In addition, each YMCA in Nebraska is governed by a local volunteer board of directors who generously give of their time, expertise, and resources in order to strengthen our communities by addressing local needs.

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

1. That the Legislature recognizes the YMCAs of Nebraska for their contributions to the citizens of Nebraska.

2. That the Legislature declares February 28, 2013, as "Support the YMCAs of Nebraska Day."