

ONE HUNDRED FOURTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 361

Introduced by McCoy, 39.

WHEREAS, Donald McPherson of Adams and Lester Arasmith of Lincoln were recently awarded the Congressional Gold Medal, the highest civilian honor bestowed by the United States Congress; and

WHEREAS, Donald and Lester were both fighter pilots who were designated as American fighter aces, a title reserved for those who shot down at least five enemy aircraft in aerial combat during World War I, World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War; and

WHEREAS, Donald was an ensign in the Navy and flew a Grumman F6F Hellcat during World War II. He is a member of the Nebraska Aviation Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, Lester was a second lieutenant in the Army Air Corps and flew various aircraft in Burma, China, Korea, and Vietnam. After his retirement as a colonel from the Air Force, Lester received his doctorate degree in economics from the University of Colorado; and

WHEREAS, of the approximate 1,450 American fighter aces from the wars of the 20th Century, only 79 are still living.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates Donald McPherson and Lester Arasmith on being awarded the Congressional Gold Medal.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Donald McPherson and Lester Arasmith.