

NINETY-NINTH LEGISLATURE
SECOND SESSION
LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 278

Introduced by Foley, 29

WHEREAS, Joseph W. Moylan, a distinguished lawyer, judge, and Nebraskan, passed away on August 13, 2005; and

WHEREAS, Joseph W. Moylan is survived by his beloved wife, Gretchen, and by their children Mary, John, Cathy, Theresa, Sheila, and Steve, and stepson John Paul Schutte, and by fifteen grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Joseph W. Moylan earned a bachelor's degree from Marquette University and a law degree from Creighton University; and

WHEREAS, Joseph W. Moylan followed his father's example of public service by working as a special attorney general for the State of Nebraska, a private lawyer, and assistant public defender in Douglas County; and

WHEREAS, Joseph W. Moylan was appointed by Governor J. James Exon to the Douglas County Juvenile Court in 1972; and

WHEREAS, Joseph W. Moylan served honorably as a judge for twenty-one years before receiving a case that violated his moral beliefs; and

WHEREAS, Joseph W. Moylan, after reviewing his options, resigned from the job he cherished rather than sign a waiver allowing a pregnant young woman to abort her child, refusing to be

complicit in what he recognized as an unspeakable evil; and

WHEREAS, Joseph W. Moylan raised the standard for all public officials regarding honor, ethics, and duty through his actions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE NINETY-NINTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

1. That the Legislature expresses its condolences to the family of Joseph W. Moylan; and

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the family of Joseph W. Moylan.