

ONE HUNDREDTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 84

Introduced by Erdman, 47; Dubas, 34; Harms, 48; Karpisek, 32;
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WHEREAS, Nebraska bean growers plant approximately two hundred thousand acres of dry, edible beans annually, lead the nation in great northern bean production, are the nation's second leading producer of light red kidney beans, are the nation's third leading producer of pinto beans, and are prominent in the production of navy beans, black beans, and other varieties of beans; and

WHEREAS, dry edible beans are an important staple of local agricultural economies and the economic viability of dry bean production enables greater diversity in agricultural production in the state through crop rotation; and

WHEREAS, the Dry Bean Resources Act was signed into law on March 30, 1987, to provide a mechanism for dry bean growers and processors to collectively finance programs of research, consumer education, and market development; and

WHEREAS, the Dry Bean Commission, consisting of six grower and three processor representatives, is designated under the Dry Bean Resources Act to carry out the purposes of the act; and

WHEREAS, the Dry Bean Commission, through its own activities and through membership in the U.S. Dry Bean Council,

has increased international promotion to maintain and build new markets for dry edible beans, and through a variety of activities, including hosting reverse trade teams to bring foreign buyers to Nebraska to observe Nebraska's dry bean industry first hand, has assisted Nebraska's dry bean growers in earning a reputation as reliable, high quality suppliers of dry beans; and

WHEREAS, the Dry Bean Commission has, with respect to dry edible beans, funded research in developing varieties resistant to disease and drought, improved quality and utility, led research into new uses, and advanced the knowledge of production and pest management; and

WHEREAS, the Dry Bean Commission was instrumental in organizing the American Dry Bean Board in 1988, an organization of representatives of dry bean growing states, processors, and shippers which has worked to increase the American consumer's awareness of the nutritional benefits and consumer value of dry edible beans, including the inclusion of dry edible beans in recommended dietary guidelines such as the United States Department of Agriculture's MyPyramid campaign; and

WHEREAS, the work and accomplishments of the Dry Bean Commission contribute to the welfare and prosperity not only of the Nebraska dry bean industry but of the entire state and its citizens.

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

1. That the Legislature acknowledges and congratulates the Dry Bean Commission, its staff, and the growers and processors of dry beans in Nebraska for the twenty-year history of success and

service in advancing the dry bean industry of the state.

2. That a copy of this resolution be delivered to the Dry Bean Commission.