

ONE HUNDRED FIRST LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 125

Introduced by Wightman, 36.

WHEREAS, the United States Constitution requires a national census once every ten years; and

WHEREAS, the census is a count of everyone residing in the United States; and

WHEREAS, by law the United States Bureau of the Census cannot share an individual's census questionnaire responses with anyone, including other federal agencies and law enforcement entities; and

WHEREAS, the next decennial census will be taken on April 1, 2010, with census questionnaires delivered or mailed to households in March 2010; and

WHEREAS, every year the federal government can allocate more than three hundred billion dollars to states and communities based, in part, on census data; and

WHEREAS, the allocation of federal and state funding for critical community services, such as health, education, transportation, and social programs depends on complete and accurate age, population, and demographic information generated by the census; and

WHEREAS, redistricting will occur on the state and local levels using data collected in the 2010 Census. The data also

determines how many seats each state will have in the United States Congress, making a complete count vital to accurate representation.

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

1. That the Legislature supports the efforts of the United States Bureau of the Census to achieve a complete and accurate census.

2. That the Legislature encourages all citizens to "Be Counted in 2010" by filling out their ten-question census questionnaire when it arrives at their household.

3. That the Legislature encourages local governments, community-based organizations, faith-based organizations, schools, media, businesses, and others to raise awareness of and encourage participation in the 2010 Census.