

ONE HUNDRED FIRST LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 86

Introduced by Howard, 9.

WHEREAS, an estimated 160,000 children in the United States miss school each day as a result of being bullied; and

WHEREAS, bullying is an unfortunate reality in Nebraska schools; and

WHEREAS, on any given day, in schools and playgrounds across Nebraska, children are being victimized by their peers. They are subjected to everything from teasing, social rejection, and physical fights to text messaging and cyber-tormenting; and

WHEREAS, bullying causes deep psychological pain, and children who are bullied often experience low self-esteem, depression, more frequent school absences, poor academic achievement, and increased school dropout rates; and

WHEREAS, children who engage in bullying behavior often go on to engage in more destructive, antisocial behaviors as teens and adults; and

WHEREAS, it takes a community to prevent bullying of children; and

WHEREAS, National Bullying Prevention Awareness Week encourages communities nationwide to work together to increase awareness of the prevalence and impact of bullying on all children.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE

HUNDRED FIRST LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the week of October 4th through the 10th, 2009, be designated as Nebraska School Bullying Awareness Week, with the intention that the issue of bullying and its prevention be discussed in Nebraska during that time.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the State Department of Education.