

ONE HUNDRED SECOND LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 100

Introduced by Nordquist, 7; Ashford, 20; Conrad, 46; Cook, 13; Council, 11; Howard, 9; Mello, 5; Nelson, 6.

WHEREAS, Rubens J. Pamies, M.D., a native of Haiti and a graduate of St. John's University and the State University of New York at Buffalo School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences, died February 26, 2011, at the age of fifty-two; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Pamies served as the University of Nebraska Medical Center's vice chancellor for academic affairs and dean for graduate studies from 2003-2011; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Pamies was a nationally renowned academic educator, an expert on health disparities, and a widely published author of medical issues; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Pamies was a Diplomate of the National Board of Medical Examiners and the American Board of Internal Medicine; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Pamies was committed to such efforts as promoting diversity and interprofessional education with the support of a grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Pamies founded the Virginia-Nebraska Alliance, a unique program involving the University of Nebraska Medical Center, Virginia Commonwealth University, and five Historically Black Colleges and Universities and a leading community college in Virginia, to provide a multitude of academic and research opportunities for minority undergraduate students and faculty and to promote diversity in health professions; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Pamies worked to identify educational opportunities for low-income children and fight health care disparities experienced in Douglas County and Sarpy County; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Pamies was an integral proponent for the effort to address behavioral health issues in the State of Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Pamies led a comprehensive medical center relief effort in his homeland of Haiti following the 2010 earthquake that caused widespread devastation; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Pamies tirelessly committed his efforts to addressing the health needs of the poor and underserved on a local, national, and international level; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Pamies is survived by his wife, Michelle; his daughters, Christina and Rachel; his sons, Ben, Michael, and Robert; and his sister, Linda Boucard, and her husband, Ben.

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

1. That the Legislature honors the memory of Dr. Rubens J. Pamies and his many contributions and achievements.

2. That the Legislature expresses and extends its sympathy and condolences to the family of Dr. Rubens J. Pamies.

3. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the family of Dr. Rubens J. Pamies.