

ONE HUNDRED SECOND LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 108

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WHEREAS, on June 16, 2011, IBM will celebrate its 100-year anniversary, which is unmatched in the world of business and technology; and

WHEREAS, while countless corporations, political groups, technologies, economic upheavals, and scientific disciplines have risen and disappeared throughout the decades, IBM has persevered. Its insights are critical to Nebraska's rising leaders who are charting their paths in a more global and competitive world; and

WHEREAS, IBM has always created technological discoveries that have transformed our lives, including the first electronic calculator and programmable computers, the chip powering the leading gaming consoles, and the Watson computer that defeated past champions on the popular television game show, Jeopardy!; and

WHEREAS, IBM has continued to reinvent itself as a modern corporation through best practices in strong leadership, management training, and global growth; and

WHEREAS, IBM's long-term view of leadership development and talent management has helped affect positive changes within business and society. The company has pioneered many of the management practices of the twentieth-century business, including diversity and accessibility, cross-cultural adaptability, and training managers on a massive scale; and

WHEREAS, IBM has a long and rich history of serving Nebraska businesses and government; and

WHEREAS, today, IBM is continuing to shape the way the world works by working with federal and state agencies and local governments to streamline and connect operations, citizens services, and critical mentions using cloud computing and to detect waste, fraud, and abuse using analytics; and

WHEREAS, the company is also supporting growing cities around the world including Dubuque, Iowa, and Corpus Christi, Texas, to establish solutions to build "Smarter Cities." These efforts include reducing traffic congestion and resulting air pollution, digitizing health records to improve patient care, improving access to and quality of education, enhancing surveillance systems to reduce crime rates, sourcing and managing power more intelligently, and improving the quality and supply of and access to water.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates IBM for its 100 years of innovation and contributions to society.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the corporate headquarters of IBM.