

ONE HUNDRED SECOND LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 156

Introduced by Ashford, 20; Cook, 13; Council, 11; Harr, 8; Howard, 9;
Lathrop, 12; Lautenbaugh, 18; Mello, 5; Nordquist, 7;
Pirsch, 4.

WHEREAS, on June 6, 2011, Jewish Family Service of Omaha will celebrate 100 years of meeting the emotional, physical, and economic needs of individuals and families in the Omaha community; and

WHEREAS, Jewish Family Service believes that every member of its community deserves to live in dignity and hope and that it is the moral responsibility and represents the highest ideas of an evolved society to make opportunities available for the fulfillment of dreams; and

WHEREAS, Jewish Family Service provides for emergency monetary assistance as well as budgetary counseling, grief counseling, marriage counseling, parental counseling, adoption home studies, and therapy to assist people in finding a place of well-being, balance, and harmony in their lives without regard to ability to pay; and

WHEREAS, Jewish Family Service believes that the measure of a community's strength and integrity is how it utilizes compassion to treat its members who are in pain and distress due to financial hardships, loss of employment, unexpected medical bills, loss of loved ones, or family crisis or who suffer from the ills of poverty; and

WHEREAS, Jewish Family Service's 100-year history exemplifies the goals of making individuals and families stronger, bolstering supportive

marriages, teaching life and coping skills so people can be more self-reliant, and creating positive self-images; and

WHEREAS, all of Jewish Family Service's programs are done in a private and personal setting without the public's scrutiny or recognition of the provider; and

WHEREAS, Gloria Kaslow's vision and efforts ensured that this supportive social service delivery system was in place and could react swiftly when called upon; and

WHEREAS, Gloria was instrumental in the resettlement of dozens of Russian Jewish immigrants settling in the Omaha area who were seeking a new and better life, and by her dedication and personal actions she not only enriched the lives of these new Americans but also enriched the lives of all who would come in their contact; and

WHEREAS, Gloria's powerful leadership and allegiance to the mission of Jewish Family Service allowed for the creation of the Women's Symposium, the Men's Forum, and the Friends of Jewish Family Service Campaign; and

WHEREAS, Gloria's work in Holocaust education will help young and old remember what can happen if mankind forgets its responsibility to one another; and

WHEREAS, Gloria's lifelong but quiet involvement, her gentle nature, and her genuine commitment and compassion to those served by Jewish Family Service has allowed Gloria to become the face and representative of the hundreds of volunteers who support the work of Jewish Family Service, making Gloria deserving of the title of "Jewish Family Service Woman of the Century."

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

1. That the Legislature designates June 6, 2011, as Jewish Family Service Day in recognition of Jewish Family Service's 100 years of service to families and individuals and congratulates Gloria Kaslow on earning the title of "Jewish Family Service Woman of the Century."

2. That the Legislature expresses its deep and sincere appreciation for the work of Jewish Family Service and Gloria Kaslow in making families and individuals stronger and improving the lives of those they serve, thereby enhancing the lives of all Nebraska citizens.

3. That on June 6, 2011, individuals, organizations, and communities are encouraged to engage in discussions and activities that raise awareness about the plight of people in our own communities who are in need of physical, emotional, and financial healing.

4. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Jewish Family Service and Gloria Kaslow.