

ONE HUNDRED SECOND LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 638

Introduced by Heidemann, 1; Cornett, 45; Lathrop, 12.

WHEREAS, the Nebraska State Fire School, jointly sponsored by the Nebraska State Volunteer Firefighters Association, the State Fire Marshal, the Nebraska Forest Service, a division of the University of Nebraska Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources, and the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency, is celebrating its seventy-fifth anniversary in 2012; and

WHEREAS, since April of 1937, volunteer firefighters from across Nebraska have journeyed to Grand Island, Nebraska, to participate in the Nebraska State Fire School to obtain hands-on training and to receive modernized educational tactics; and

WHEREAS, the breadth and scope of what it means to be a volunteer firefighter has expanded, thereby requiring additional training; and

WHEREAS, because the roles and responsibilities of volunteer firefighters have evolved over the years, the Nebraska State Fire School, in addition to providing training in fire suppression, also provides training for emergency medical personnel, hazardous material responders, and search and rescue tactics; and

WHEREAS, the Nebraska State Fire School is believed to be the largest fire school in the United States which is produced by an all-volunteer committee whose members contribute a minimum of seven days during May of each year from their every day paid employment by taking vacation,

personal leave, or time off without pay to lead the activities at the Nebraska State Fire School; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature has recognized the critical role the Nebraska State Fire School plays in educating and training Nebraska's firefighters and volunteer emergency medical personnel by first adopting legislation in 1959 establishing the Nebraska State Fire School under Nebraska law; and

WHEREAS, annually over 1,200 volunteer firefighters and volunteer emergency medical personnel from across the State of Nebraska attend the Nebraska State Fire School in Grand Island, Nebraska.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates the Nebraska State Fire School on its seventy-fifth anniversary and commends the organization for the work it does which benefits communities across Nebraska by providing state-of-the-art training and education to Nebraska's volunteer firefighters and volunteer emergency medical personnel.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Nebraska State Fire School.