

ONE HUNDRED SECOND LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 73

Introduced by Flood, 19.

WHEREAS, the NEBRASKALAND Foundation, on Saturday, March 5, 2011, at the annual Statehood Day Dinner held in the Nebraska State Capitol, presents the distinguished Nebraskalander Award to three honorees; and

WHEREAS, a distinguished Nebraskalander Award is presented to Allen Beermann, of Lincoln, who has served as Nebraska's official and unofficial goodwill ambassador for over forty years, first for twenty-four years as Secretary of State and currently as the executive director of the Nebraska Press Association. His many honors include the National Guard Meritorious Service Award, the Boy Scouts of America's Silver Beaver Award, the Ambassador Plenipotentiary Award from the Nebraska Diplomats, the Foreign Service Medallion from the Republic of China, and the Downtown Lincoln Rotary Club Nebraskan of the Year; and

WHEREAS, a distinguished Nebraskalander Award is presented to DiAnna Schimek, of Lincoln, who was a Nebraska state senator from 1989 to 2009 and worked tirelessly in the areas of child and family issues, women's and minority issues, health care, and election law. She is past chair of the Midwestern Legislative Conference of the Council of State Governments. Her many honors include the Distinguished Service Award from both the National Guard Association and the League of Nebraska Municipalities, the Civil Libertarian of the Year Award, and the Ethics in Government Award,

and in 2008 she was made an honorary member of the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska;
and

WHEREAS, a distinguished Nebraskalander Award is presented to Tom Plummer, of Lincoln, who was a fourth generation farmer/rancher near Ogallala, Nebraska. He has been an active leader in protecting the natural resources in our state. He chaired the Friends of Big Mac Committee to raise funds to build the Lake McConaughy Visitor/Water Interpretive Center and was founder of the Nebraska Water Center Foundation. He was recognized by the Nebraska State Historical Society as the Guardian of Nebraska History and served as state president of both the Nebraska Elks and the Easter Seal Society.

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

1. That the Legislature extends its appreciation to the honorees for their service to the State of Nebraska.

2. That a copy of this resolution be given to all honorees.