

ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 158

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WHEREAS, the Beel Family has owned and operated their 22,000 acre cattle ranch near Johnstown, Nebraska, for 75 years; and

WHEREAS, the ranch was handed down by grandfather Henry O. Beel and father Henry C. Beel who instilled in the current Beel generation the importance of treating the land with care and maintaining our natural environment; and

WHEREAS, ranch records indicate that in 1945 Henry O. Beel entered into the first of many conservation plans which allowed for rotational grazing, weed mowing, seeding of wheat, and thoughtful well placement; and

WHEREAS, almost seven decades later conservation and range management practices continue to play important roles in the current operation of the Beel Ranch which serves as a shining example of best practices for cattle and beef production; and

WHEREAS, the Leopold Conservation Award is sponsored by the Sand County Foundation and presented in honor of renowned conservationist and author Aldo Leopold who called for an ethical relationship between people and the land they own and manage; and

WHEREAS, in 2013 the Sand County Foundation will present Leopold Conservation Awards in California, Colorado, Kentucky, Texas, Utah, Wisconsin, Wyoming, and Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, the 2013 Nebraska Leopold Conservation Award is presented to the Beel Family. The award is a prestigious recognition of a Nebraska livestock producer's commitment to the care and preservation of the land.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates the Beel Family as recipient of the 2013 Nebraska Leopold Conservation Award.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Frank and Jennifer Beel, Henry and Mary Beel, and Adam and Jenny Beel.