

ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

## **LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 46**

Introduced by Kolowski, 31.

WHEREAS, George Anderson, born December 23, 1942, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, was destined to live an exceptional life as a loving and devoted son, sibling, husband, and father; a stellar athlete and coach; and a dedicated friend and colleague. He enriched the lives of all those he touched on his life's journey; and

WHEREAS, George Anderson, otherwise known as "rabbit" because of his record-breaking speed, was an outstanding collegiate athlete, excelling in track and field. He was a ten-time NAIA All-American and ranked No. 1 in the world as a college junior in the 100-yard dash. In addition, George Anderson competed internationally for the United States in 1965, winning two of three 100-yard dashes in duals against the Soviet Union, Poland, and West Germany; and

WHEREAS, after a successful college and international sports career, George Anderson returned home to marry his college sweetheart, Ola Anderson, and to begin his football career. Alongside Senator Rick Kolowski, George Anderson was invited to the Kansas City Chiefs training camp in 1967 and later played with the Omaha Mustangs for a seven-year career; and

WHEREAS, George Anderson brought his love for sports to North Omaha as a beloved track and field assistant coach and freshman basketball coach at Omaha North High School and as the founder of the North Omaha Boys and

Girls Club track and field program. He served as mentor and coach to hundreds of students, for which he received numerous awards and recognitions; and

WHEREAS, the success of the State of Nebraska, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of American society depend, in great measure, upon the dedication of people like George Anderson, who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others; and

WHEREAS, George Anderson passed away on January 15, 2013. He is survived by his wife, Ola; sons, Marcus, Eric, and George III; grandchildren, Kendall, Joshua, Michael, Camille, McKenzie, and Caeleb; and siblings, Beverly, Donald, Leon, Lee, and William.

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

1. That the Legislature honors and remembers George Anderson as an outstanding athlete, coach, mentor, father, husband, and friend and extends condolences to his family, friends, and community for their loss.
2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Ola Anderson.