

ONE HUNDRED FOURTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 340

Introduced by Schumacher, 22.

WHEREAS, Creston, a town located in Platte County, is celebrating its 125th anniversary this year; and

WHEREAS, settlers began arriving in Platte County's Creston Township in the early 1880s and Creston was officially named on August 28, 1886. Some say it was named in honor of Ida Creston who rode horseback from the postal station near Columbus to deliver the mail in 1886, while others believe it is named Creston because of its location near the crest from which the waters flowed eastward to the Elkhorn River and westward to the Platte River; and

WHEREAS, the first train reached Creston in 1886 and a drugstore opened followed by a bank in 1887. In 1890, with a population of 200 residents, Creston was duly incorporated and went on to host hotels, grain elevators, a mill, meat markets, saloons, general stores, harness shops, a newspaper, a hospital, and a public swimming pool; and

WHEREAS, using local funds, Creston's swimming pool was built by volunteers and opened in 1919. It remains in use today and is believed to be the oldest operating outdoor swimming pool in the state; and

WHEREAS, situated in the park near the pool is a monument erected in 1946 to honor all veterans. It attracts many veterans to the annual Memorial Day services when local and former residents come home for the occasion; and

WHEREAS, a special fundraising tradition has been passed down from generation to generation in Creston where the local men trade their daily garb for fancy dresses, high heels, and wigs to hold events such as the Womenless Weddings which raised funds for a library in 1935, a basketball court in 1952, a rescue unit in 1971, the centennial celebration fund in 1990, and most recently the Miss Harvest Queen competition that raised funds in 2014 for

Creston's Q125 Celebration; and

WHEREAS, spotlighting its veterans monument in the park near the swimming pool, and with funds raised in the traditional way, Creston will culminate its quasiquicentennial celebration beginning July 3 through July 5, 2015.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates Creston on celebrating its 125th anniversary.
2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Village of Creston.