

ONE HUNDRED FOURTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 5

Introduced by Davis, 43.

WHEREAS, the original Modisett Ball Park was built in 1939 with \$12,000 given to Rushville by the Modisetts, a Sheridan County ranching family, for the express purpose of building a community ballpark; and

WHEREAS, over the last 70 years, the park, which was rated the second-best baseball field in Nebraska at one time, had fallen into severe disrepair with little funding for upkeep and maintenance; and

WHEREAS, last year, in response to a donation request to help renovate the dilapidated ballpark, Rushville natives John and Carmen Gottschalk pledged \$250,000 toward a complete rebuilding of the ballpark if the town could raise \$100,000, which the town met and exceeded by the deadline of March 2014; and

WHEREAS, the half-million dollar project included rebuilding the grandstand, laying new sod, installing an underground sprinkler system, new detached restrooms, bleachers for additional seating, light poles, below grade dugouts, and an original sculpture by George Lundeen; and

WHEREAS, on August 30, 2014, Rushville and the surrounding community celebrated the grand-reopening of Modisett Ball Park with festivities and a fireworks show for a crowd of over 500. John Gottschalk threw out the first pitch in what would be a 7-4 win for Rushville over Chadron.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulate the community of Rushville and the project's many donors on bringing Modisett Ball Park back to life and renewing this spectacular historic place for everyone, young and old, to enjoy baseball.

2. That the Legislature express its gratitude to John and Carmen Gottschalk for their generosity to the Rushville community.

3. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Chris Heiser, mayor of Rushville, to the Sheridan County Journal Star, and to John and Carmen Gottschalk.