

ONE HUNDRED FIFTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 35

Introduced by Scheer, 19.

WHEREAS, on Saturday, March 4, 2017, the NEBRASKAland Foundation will present the Distinguished NEBRASKAlander Award to three honorees at the annual Statehood Day Dinner held in the Nebraska State Capitol; and

WHEREAS, a Distinguished NEBRASKAlander Award will be presented to Judi gaiashkibos, who has served as the Executive Director of the Nebraska Commission on Indian Affairs since 1995. Under her leadership, the commission has focused on creating partnerships and coalitions with elected representatives, tribal leaders, nonprofit organizations, and educational institutions. Judi is a native of Norfolk and an enrolled member of the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska. She also served as a past president of the Governors' Interstate Indian Council, which was established to improve cooperation between tribal and state governments. She has been the principal liaison to the Legislature in developing policy for native citizens and the four federally recognized tribes of this state. Her work was recognized by Humanities Nebraska when she was awarded the 2012 Sower Award in the Humanities. Judi is, and continues to be, an exemplary engaged Nebraskan; and

WHEREAS, a Distinguished NEBRASKAlander Award will be presented to Robert Ripley, FAIA, whose work as State Capitol Administrator has created a legacy that will serve the state for generations to come. Bob has spent more than 33 years serving as the steward, guardian, and curator of Nebraska's monumental State Capitol Building and oversaw the twelve-year, \$57 million project to repair the building's exterior and restore the iconic Sower. Nebraskans of all ages have benefited from Bob's passion for public service and architecture and his dedication to preserving our cultural heritage. A Lincoln native, his national reputation and preservation expertise led to his service as a project

coordinator for the restoration of the Washington Monument and his receipt of the 2015 Harry F. Cunningham Gold Medal for Architectural Excellence in the State of Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, a Distinguished NEBRASKAlander Award will be presented to Dayle Williamson, who has devoted his life to preserving and protecting Nebraska's abundant natural resources for future generations. Dayle was the first director of the Natural Resources Commission in 1971, serving for 30 years and under six governors in that position. He was instrumental in overseeing implementation of the landmark law that created Nebraska's natural resources districts. In this role, Williamson guided hundreds of state and federal projects that promoted soil and water conservation and flood control across the state, protected the state's soil and water resources, and averted millions of dollars in potential flood damage. Born and raised on a farm near Ohioa, Williamson rose to the rank of Brigadier General in the Nebraska Army National Guard.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates the recipients of the Distinguished NEBRASKAlander Award and extends its appreciation for their service to the State of Nebraska.

2. That a copy of this resolution be given to Judi gaiashkibos, to Robert Ripley, and to Dayle Williamson.