WHEREAS, Chris Beutler worked tirelessly for the residents of the city of Lincoln and the State of Nebraska as a faithful public servant; and

WHEREAS, Chris Beutler, an Omaha native, graduated from Omaha Benson High School, earned a bachelor's degree from Yale University, and a law degree from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln; and

WHEREAS, Chris Beutler served as a teacher in Turkey with the Peace Corps from 1966 to 1967; and

WHEREAS, Chris Beutler served our country in the United States Army from 1969 to 1971; and

WHEREAS, Chris Beutler was elected as a State Senator in Legislative District 28 in 1978 and served through 1986 and was elected again in 1990 and served through 2006 for a total of 24 years of state legislative service; and

WHEREAS, in 2007, Chris Beutler was elected as the mayor of the city of Lincoln and was reelected in 2011 and 2015, making him the longest-serving mayor in the city of Lincoln; and

WHEREAS, Chris Beutler has been so diligent in his policy making that he reviews and edits all documents that cross his path, whether legislative bills, amendments, resolutions, ordinances, or reports from staff, which led to the description of a document being "Beutlerized"; and

WHEREAS, Chris Beutler helped execute and implement Lincoln business leaders' plan for Lincoln's growth, Vision 2015, including the P Street Corridor, Centennial Mall, Union Plaza, West Haymarket, Pinnacle Bank Arena,
Breslow Ice Center, and Tower Square; and

WHEREAS, Chris Beutler supported and initiated infrastructure development working to make Lincoln a 1-gigabyte city, creating an entertainment district, supporting the arts, and interconnecting Lincoln's citizens through trails and parks; and

WHEREAS, Chris Beutler's final term as mayor of the city of Lincoln will end in May of 2019, after leading the city to unprecedented growth, progress, and development.

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

1. That the Legislature extends its appreciation to Chris Beutler for his many years of service and his dedication to Lincoln and Nebraska.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Chris Beutler.