WHEREAS, Charles "Chuck" Trimble was born and raised on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation and was an enrolled member of the Oglala Sioux Tribe; and

WHEREAS, Chuck enlisted in the United States Army in 1957 and served honorably as an Infantry Operations Intelligence Specialist in Germany; and

WHEREAS, Chuck was accomplished in his professional career, working in the Atlas Missile program, advancing solar research at the Harvard College Observatory, and contributing to the Apollo Telescope Mount project; and

WHEREAS, despite his professional success, Chuck Trimble always remembered his roots and the challenges facing American Indians; and

WHEREAS, Chuck's deep concern for the welfare of native peoples motivated his involvement in the White Buffalo Council of American Indians, the Denver urban Indian organization, the Denver Indian Times, the National Congress of American Indians, the American Indian National Bank, and the founding of the American Indian Press Association; and

WHEREAS, Chuck always maintained his native cultural identity as central to his life, as exemplified by his beautiful command of the Lakota language; and

WHEREAS, his generosity in bestowing his time and wisdom to the people of the State of Nebraska was unwavering, with his contributions as a board member for the Nebraska State Historical Society Foundation, his instruction at the University of Nebraska-Omaha, his summer workshops for high school students, and his work as a member of the Nebraska Commission on Indian Affairs; and

WHEREAS, Chuck Trimble passed away on March 2, 2020, and is survived by his wife, Anne, and his daughter, Kaiti.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:
1. That the Legislature recognizes Charles "Chuck" Trimble for his lifetime of service to native peoples, to the State of Nebraska, and to the United States of America.

2. That the Legislature offers its deepest condolences to the family and friends of Charles Trimble during this time of loss.

3. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Charles Trimble's family.