WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has greatly affected the lives of individuals across the world over the last year; and

WHEREAS, individuals in the meatpacking industry continued to work throughout the COVID-19 pandemic as essential workers; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has affected the meatpacking industry especially hard; and

WHEREAS, throughout the country a disproportionate amount of COVID-19 infections, hospitalizations, and deaths were individuals in the meatpacking industry; and

WHEREAS, in Nebraska, reports indicated that meatpacking industry workers accounted for over two hundred COVID-19 hospitalizations, more than twenty-five deaths, and countless infections; and

WHEREAS, as the world begins to come out of the COVID-19 pandemic, we must remember the meatpacking workers who lost their lives to the COVID-19 pandemic and the families and loved ones they leave behind who will continue to live with the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

1. That the Legislature recognizes all those in the meatpacking industry for their continued hard work and dedication throughout the COVID-19 pandemic and thanks them for their service.

2. That the Legislature offers its condolences to the families of all those in the meatpacking industry who lost loved ones during the COVID-19 pandemic.