

ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 457

Introduced by Vargas, 7.

WHEREAS, Jonathan Benjamin-Alvarado will retire from the University of Nebraska at Omaha after more than twenty years, where he served as a political science professor since 2000 and as an assistant chancellor for student success since 2014; and

WHEREAS, Jonathan Benjamin-Alvarado has performed extensive research on Cuba, Latin America, foreign policy, international development, and national security and intelligence which he shared through his position as a professor as well as numerous publications, including scholarly articles and policy journals, and speeches in Washington D.C. and across the nation; and

WHEREAS, Jonathan Benjamin-Alvarado has traveled to Cuba numerous times to do field research on energy and economic development and served as a technical advisor to many United States delegations to Cuba and Latin America; and

WHEREAS, Jonathan Benjamin-Alvarado was instrumental in the development of scholarship and pathway programs for first generation college students and other underrepresented groups at the University of Nebraska at Omaha; and

WHEREAS, Jonathan Benjamin-Alvarado was essential in the creation of the University of Nebraska at Omaha's Office of Latino/Latin American Studies and the Underserved Law Opportunity Program; and

WHEREAS, Jonathan shared his expansive and internationally recognized expertise with students and the communities of Nebraska, and the Legislature celebrates his contributions to the State of Nebraska.

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

1. That the Legislature honors Jonathan Benjamin-Alvarado for his time at the University of Nebraska at Omaha and wishes him success in his new role as

senior adviser to the chancellor and chief inclusion officer at Texas Christian University.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Jonathan Benjamin-Alvarado.