

ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 84

Introduced by Williams, 36; Aguilar, 35; Bostar, 29; Flood, 19; Kolterman, 24; Lindstrom, 18; McCollister, 20; Pahls, 31; Slama, 1.

WHEREAS, Director of Insurance Bruce Rame is the longest-serving Director of Insurance in Nebraska's history having served in that role for the past ten years; and

WHEREAS, Director Rame began his career in public service at the Nebraska Department of Insurance in 1984 working in the Market Conduct Division, accepting the position of Chief of Market Regulation in 1999, and becoming the Deputy Director in January 2008 prior to being appointed Director of Insurance in November 2010 by former Governor Dave Heineman. In January 2015, he was reappointed as Director of Insurance by Governor Pete Ricketts; and

WHEREAS, Governor Ricketts stated, "Under Bruce's leadership, Nebraska has gained a reputation for having fair and consistent insurance regulation. He has done great work to help Nebraska's insurance industry grow into one of the largest in the nation, bringing jobs and economic opportunities to the state. States across the country now look to Nebraska for guidance on their regulatory frameworks for insurance, which is a testament to Bruce's successful tenure with the agency."; and

WHEREAS, Director Rame has had many notable accomplishments over his years of service to the Nebraska Department of Insurance, which include maintaining a seamless continuity of service and operations following a fire that caused a sudden loss of office space, facilitating the regulatory processes for the formation of twelve new Nebraska insurance companies and the move of twenty insurers from other locations into Nebraska, earning two rounds of accreditation from the National Association of Insurance Commissioners, overseeing the implementation of federal requirements relating to the Affordable Care Act and educating Nebraska citizens through town hall meetings

across this state, and keeping Nebraska in line with growing international insurance supervisory standards and initiating and maintaining ongoing regulatory information sharing with insurance supervisors from Japan, Germany, and Great Britain; and

WHEREAS, the consumer liaison representatives of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners recognized Director Range for his work on behalf of insurance consumers and awarded him the Excellence in Consumer Advocacy award, citing his active leadership on a wide range of issues affecting consumers, his instrumental work as chair of the Market Conduct Examination Working Group in preparing market regulators for the transition from implementation to oversight of key Affordable Care Act provisions, and his work as chair of the Title Insurance Task Force, leading the Task Force through the most active period of engagement on title insurance issues in decades; and

WHEREAS, after thirty-six years of service to the State of Nebraska, Director Range will retire on April 9, 2021.

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

1. That the Legislature recognizes Director of Insurance Bruce Range for his longstanding and distinguished service to the State of Nebraska and wishes him the very best upon his retirement.
2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Director Bruce Range.