

ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 107**

Introduced by Hansen, 16.

WHEREAS, Michael Nissen of Oakland, Nebraska, is recognized for his dedication to tree planting and conservation and is the recipient of the Nebraska Natural Resources Districts (NRD) Tree Planter of the Year Award; and

WHEREAS, Nissen, his wife, Jessica, and their children, Caleb and Ella, have demonstrated a strong commitment to the planting and care of trees, ensuring both immediate benefits and long-term sustainability for their family farm; and

WHEREAS, Nissen began working with the Lower Elkhorn Natural Resources District (LENRD) three years ago to develop a strategic tree planting plan that will enhance their land for generations to come; and

WHEREAS, through his foresight and planning, Nissen has inspired his family to actively participate in tree conservation efforts, instilling in his children a lifelong appreciation for natural resource stewardship; and

WHEREAS, despite the challenges of full-time jobs, young children, and ongoing drought conditions, the Nissen family has planted and cared for approximately one thousand trees over two years, demonstrating their remarkable dedication to conservation; and

WHEREAS, Nissen's proactive approach to tree planting ensures that as their children grow and family activities increase, the trees will be well-established and the farmstead will provide lasting benefits; and

WHEREAS, tree planting is a multigenerational endeavor for the Nissen family, as Michael's father, Tim Nissen, has also worked with the NRD to complete a major two-phase windbreak renovation around his farmstead and livestock facility, carefully considering future land use in the planning process; and

WHEREAS, Nissen understands the profound value of trees, stating, "You don't understand the value of a tree - until you've made it grow," reflecting his deep commitment to conservation and environmental stewardship.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates Michael Nissen on receiving the Nebraska Natural Resources Districts Tree Planter of the Year Award.
2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Michael Nissen.