

ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 341

Introduced by Arch, 14.

WHEREAS, on February 28, 2026, the NEBRASKALand Foundation will present the Distinguished NEBRASKAlander Award, recognizing Nebraskans who have distinguished themselves through innovative business careers or public service, through voluntary leadership with a statewide impact, or through philanthropic contributions significantly benefiting the citizens of the state, to Mogens C. Bay at the annual Statehood Day Dinner held in the Nebraska State Capitol; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bay serves as chairman of Valmont Industries, Inc., headquartered in Omaha, Nebraska, and has demonstrated exceptional leadership throughout his distinguished international career; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bay was born in Vejle, Denmark, in January 1949, graduated from Vejle Gymnasium in June 1968, studied law at Aarhus University from 1968 to 1970, graduated from the East Asiatic Company College of International Business in Copenhagen in 1973, and completed the Harvard Business School's Advanced Management Program in 1984; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bay honorably served his country with the Royal Guards of the Danish Army from July 1973 to June 1974, during which he was detailed to protect the Queen of Denmark and members of the Danish royal family; and

WHEREAS, from December 1974 to December 1978 Mr. Bay managed the East Asiatic Company's office in Beijing, People's Republic of China, at a time when it was the only Western company permitted to operate an office in China, and during his first three years he was the only Western businessman living permanently in the country; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bay joined Valmont Industries in 1979 as the regional vice president for Southeast Asia, residing in Hong Kong, and in 1982 relocated to Madrid, Spain, to serve as vice president of sales and later vice president of

marketing for Valmont International; and

WHEREAS, in 1986 Mr. Bay moved to Valmont's corporate headquarters as president and general manager of Valmont International and in 1990 was named president and general manager of Valmont Irrigation; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bay became president and chief executive officer of Valmont Industries, Inc. in 1993, was appointed chairman and chief executive officer in January 1997, transitioned to executive chairman on January 1, 2018, and has served as chairman since January 1, 2019; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bay has been deeply engaged in civic and philanthropic leadership, serving as chairman of the Robert B. Daugherty Foundation, trustee emeritus of the Walter Scott Family Foundation, chairman of the boards of the Omaha Zoological Society and the Zoo Foundation, and vice chair of Heritage Omaha; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bay also serves as a trustee of the Downtown Riverfront Trust and the Daugherty Water for Food Global Institute at the University of Nebraska, contributing his expertise to initiatives that strengthen Nebraska's cultural, environmental, and community assets; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bay and his wife, Cindy, make their home in Omaha, Nebraska, and are the proud parents of their daughter, Sarah, and grandparents of their grandsons, Charlie, Henry, and Alexander.

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

1. That the Legislature recognizes and honors Mogens C. Bay for his exceptional leadership, his enduring commitment to Nebraska, and his profound contributions to industry, community, and philanthropy.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Mogens C. Bay.