

ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 342

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 Steve Hornady of Grand Island at the annual Statehood Day Dinner held in the Nebraska State Capitol; and

WHEREAS, Steve began his career with Hornady Manufacturing Company in 1971 and became president of the company in 1981 following the tragic death of his father and company founder, Joyce Hornady; and

WHEREAS, under Steve's leadership Hornady Manufacturing has continued to grow as an industry leader and innovator, strengthening its reputation for excellence in manufacturing, product development, and workforce expansion; and

WHEREAS, Steve has been an active advocate for the shooting sports industry serving on the boards of the National Rifle Association, the Sporting Arms and Ammunition Manufacturers Institute, and the National Shooting Sports Foundation, and acting as the founding chairman of the Hunting and Shooting Sports Heritage Fund; and

WHEREAS, Steve currently serves on the Nebraska State Chamber Board of Directors, contributing his leadership to statewide business and economic development; and

WHEREAS, Steve has been recognized with numerous industry honors, including Shooting Industry Man of the Year by the Shooting Industry Academy of Excellence, the National Rifle Association's Golden Bullseye Pioneer Award in 2013, and the National Shooting Sports Foundation's highest honor, the Ken

Sedlecky Lifetime Achievement Award, in 2024; and

WHEREAS, Steve was inducted into the Hall of Honor by the Grand Island Public Schools Foundation in 2024, and Hornady Manufacturing was named Business of the Year by the Grand Island Area Economic Development Corporation in 2018; and

WHEREAS, Steve has demonstrated a strong commitment to youth through his support of high school foundations, high school shooting sports, the Greater Grand Island Community Foundation's Youth Philanthropy Board, and the Central Community College Advanced Manufacturing program; and

WHEREAS, in 2024, the Hornady family was inducted into the Nebraska Business Hall of Fame and Steve and his son Jason were inducted into the Aksarben Foundation's Court of Honor, and in 2025, the Hornady family received the Legacy Award from the Greater Grand Island Community Foundation; and

WHEREAS, Steve and Hornady Manufacturing have supported the GRACE Cancer Foundation and the American Cancer Society, donating more than one million dollars to support cancer research and patient services; and

WHEREAS, Steve funded the Hornady Crime House at the Grand Island campus of Central Community College in 2024 and pledged one million dollars to the Grand Island YWCA in 2025 to support its new Child Development Center; and

WHEREAS, Steve has been a longtime supporter of the Hall County Hero Flights, as well as donating one hundred thousand dollars to help bring a federally funded state veterans cemetery to Grand Island; and

WHEREAS, Steve has generously supported numerous charitable and civic organizations, including the Make-A-Wish Foundation, the Salvation Army, the Central Nebraska Humane Society, the Heartland United Way, the Combined Health Agencies Drive, the Go Big Give giving event, Leadership Unlimited, Hope Harbor, and Willow Rising; and

WHEREAS, when not working at the factory in Grand Island, attending industry events, or supporting community initiatives, Steve can be found at his favorite place, his farm along the Platte River.

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 Steve Hornady 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 Steve Hornady.