

ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 353

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WHEREAS, Mike Yanney was born in 1933 to Elias (E.K.) and Mary Yanney, the youngest of nine children, in Kearney, Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Yanney graduated from Kearney State College, took courses through the American Institute of Banking, and served in the United States Army; and

WHEREAS, in 1960, Mr. Yanney married his wife Dr. Gail Walling Yanney and moved to Omaha, Nebraska, where he went to work for Omaha National Bank; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Yanney founded America First Companies, now known as Burlington Capital, in 1984 which became one of Omaha's most notable privately held investment companies under his leadership; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Yanney received the Horatio Alger Award in 2005 from the Horatio Alger Association, an award given to exceptional leaders who have triumphed over adversity to achieve success and embody the American Dream; and

WHEREAS, in May 2024, Mr. Yanney was presented with the University of Nebraska at Kearney's highest honor, the Ron and Carol Cope Cornerstone of Excellence Award, which is awarded to community leaders whose lasting gifts of service or financial support have left an indelible mark on the institution; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Yanney served as volunteer chairman of Omaha's Riverfront Development Project, was active in fund raising for the University of Nebraska Medical Center, helped develop the E.K. and Mary Yanney Heritage Park in Kearney in honor of his parents, and in 1986, together with his wife, founded

Partnership 4 Kids, a mentoring and scholarship program; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Yanney passed away on February 14, 2026, and is survived by his wife Dr. Gail Walling Yanney, daughter Lisa Roskens, son-in-law William Roskens, and grandchildren Charlie and Mary Roskens; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Yanney's passion for mentorship and his focus on funding community projects, sharing his financial acumen, and finding the potential to create a better future will be missed by his family, friends, and community.

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

1. That the Legislature extends condolences to the family, friends, and community of Mike Yanney.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the family of Mike Yanney.