

ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 501**

Introduced by Clouse, 37; DeKay, 40; Dorn, 30; Dover, 19; Ibach, 44; Jacobson, 42; Lonowski, 33; Prokop, 27; Quick, 35; Riepe, 12; Sanders, 45; Storm, 23; Wordekemper, 15.

WHEREAS, Dr. Neal H. Schnoor was formally installed as the tenth Chancellor of the University of Nebraska at Kearney (UNK) on March 27, 2026, during a public investiture ceremony held at the UNK Health and Sports Center, marking a milestone in the one hundred and twenty-one year history of the institution; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Schnoor began his tenure as Chancellor in July 2025, returning to the campus where he previously spent more than two decades as a faculty member, director of bands, program coordinator, and senior advisor to the chancellor; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Schnoor is a Nebraska native, born in Norfolk and raised in Pierce, and is a first-generation college graduate who earned a bachelor's degree from Wayne State College and both a master's degree and a doctorate from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln; and

WHEREAS, before returning to UNK, Dr. Schnoor held leadership roles at Wayne State College, California State University-Long Beach, and Northern State University where he served as president from 2021 to 2025; and

WHEREAS, University of Nebraska System President Dr. Jeffrey P. Gold has praised Dr. Schnoor as a strategic, collaborative, and deeply empathetic leader who listens, brings people together, and cares genuinely and deeply about UNK, its students, and the communities across Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Schnoor has used his tenure to emphasize the university's enduring purpose and growing impact, visiting with thousands of constituents and alumni across the community, state, and country; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Schnoor's deep Nebraska roots, personal experience as a first-generation college student, and lifelong commitment to public higher

education make him uniquely suited to expand access to affordable, high-quality education for all Nebraskans.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates and honors Dr. Neal H. Schnoor on his investiture as the tenth Chancellor of the University of Nebraska at Kearney and commends his lifelong dedication to the students, faculty, and communities of Nebraska.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Dr. Neal H. Schnoor.