

ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 72**

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WHEREAS, the Martin Luther Home Society was created in Sterling, Nebraska, on October 20, 1925, and educates children with intellectual and developmental disabilities; and

WHEREAS, Martin Luther Home survived through the Great Depression, World War II, and many other challenges because of the kindness and generosity of Nebraskans who worked endless hours to give produce, farm goods and donations supporting the school's residents and staff; and

WHEREAS, those same generous and giving people helped build a new, state-of-the-art home and school for the children in Beatrice, Nebraska, which opened in 1956; and

WHEREAS, the organization's reputation for quality education and innovation spread, and the Martin Luther Home Society was invited to share their work in other states; and

WHEREAS, in 2003, Martin Luther Home Society joined with Bethphage Inner Mission Society, also founded in Nebraska, to form Mosaic, the largest faith-based provider of services for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the one-hundred-year anniversary of the founding of the Martin Luther Home Society will be celebrated by Mosaic this year.

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

1. That the Legislature recognizes Mosaic for continuing the mission of its founding organizations Martin Luther Home Society and Bethphage Inner

Mission Society to love and serve people with intellectual and developmental disabilities across Nebraska and in eleven other states.