

ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

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Introduced by Dorn, 30; Andersen, 49; Brandt, 32; Kauth, 31.

WHEREAS, Paul Hay and Randy Pryor received the 2024 Nebraska Natural Resources Outstanding Water Conservation Award; and

WHEREAS, Hay and Pryor, Emeritus Extension Educators, have dedicated nearly four decades to advancing agricultural education, conservation, and sustainable farming practices in Southeast Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, Hay and Pryor have been instrumental in organizing and leading field days, trainings, on-farm research, county fairs, Earth Festivals, 4-H camps, and community engagement activities, embodying a lifelong commitment to education and conservation; and

WHEREAS, their complementary teaching styles and collaborative efforts have fostered an enduring legacy of knowledge-sharing, innovation, and mentorship within the agricultural community; and

WHEREAS, as early advocates of no-till farming, Hay and Pryor worked tirelessly to educate producers on the benefits of residue management, moisture retention, erosion control, and reduced input costs, fundamentally shaping conservation-minded farming in Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, their partnership with the Lower Big Blue Natural Resources District facilitated the promotion of evapotranspiration gauges, moisture sensors, and other precision agricultural technologies, furthering water conservation efforts; and

WHEREAS, Paul Hay, a dedicated extension educator for forty-two years, profoundly impacted generations of producers and 4-H members through his leadership in plant science projects and posthumously received the award; and

WHEREAS, Randy Pryor, a lifelong advocate for conservation and mechanized agriculture, dedicated thirty-seven years to supporting Nebraska farmers by advancing no-till practices, diverse crop rotations, irrigation management, and

soil health initiatives.

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

1. That the Legislature recognizes Paul Hay and Randy Pryor for their extraordinary contributions to agricultural education, soil conservation, and water management.

2. That copies of this resolution be sent to Randy Pryor and the family of Paul Hay.