

ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 107**

Introduced by Clements, 2; Wishart, 27.

WHEREAS, Jerome "Jerry" Deichert is a Director Emeritus of the Center for Public Affairs at the University of Nebraska at Omaha where he worked from 1987 until his retirement in 2018; and

WHEREAS, Jerry has been involved as a partner at the Omaha Community Foundation which is a giving collective that connects philanthropists with the people and nonprofits in Omaha, Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, Jerry has contributed his knowledge to numerous scientific demographic studies throughout the years and has been the recipient of many awards; and

WHEREAS, Jerry's passion is making demographic and economic information more useful for decisionmaking; and

WHEREAS, Jerry is an expert on trends and small-area data for the State of Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, Jerry has been a member of the Nebraska Economic Forecasting Advisory Board for thirty-five years providing objective and accurate revenue forecasts used by both the Governor and the Legislature in developing the state budget; and

WHEREAS, Jerry has led the Nebraska Economic Forecasting Advisory Board as chairperson since October 26, 2012, and presided over twenty-eight meetings; and

WHEREAS, Jerry created a presentation called "The Nebraska Economic Forecasting Advisory Board and Nebraska State Revenue Forecasts" and used that presentation to educate his students at the University of Nebraska at Omaha on the purpose, history, and structure of the Nebraska Economic Forecasting Advisory Board, how the Nebraska Economic Forecasting Advisory Board makes its

forecasts, the types of forecasts the Nebraska Economic Forecasting Advisory Board makes, and examples of actual Nebraska Economic Forecasting Advisory Board forecasts so that those students could better understand how forecasts assist the legislative and executive branches of the State of Nebraska in making decisions related to state revenue; and

WHEREAS, Jerry in 2020 was instrumental in designing a first of its kind structured framework for voluntary orientations of new Nebraska Economic Forecasting Advisory Board members and took a major role in the first electronic two-hour live orientation of new board members, Zac Karpf and John Bourne; and

WHEREAS, Jerry's steady leadership and guidance throughout the years has been appreciated by the present and past members of the Nebraska Economic Forecasting Advisory Board; and

WHEREAS, Jerry is a respected friend to many, a proud father, and a loving grandfather.

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

1. That the Legislature expresses its appreciation and gratitude to Jerome "Jerry" Deichert for his service and dedication to the Legislature and the State of Nebraska.

2. That the Legislature recognizes and thanks Jerome "Jerry" Deichert for a job well done during his thirty-five years of service as a member of the Nebraska Economic Forecasting Advisory Board.