WHEREAS, the National Education Association, as a part of their annual Human and Civil Rights Awards program, presents the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Memorial Award to an individual or organization that inspires others to champion the cause of human and civil rights by:

(1) Initiating or engaging in activities that positively impact the educational, social, economic, or political life of the community;

(2) Contributing to the achievement of self-determination by individuals or groups;

(3) Displaying creativity, determination, and perseverance in achieving human and civil rights goals;

(4) Establishing an ongoing program or institution for the improvement of human relations and civil rights; or

(5) Exemplifying the nonviolent philosophy of Dr. King, and other nonviolent activists in the quest for improved human relations and civil rights; and

WHEREAS, the Empowerment Network based in Omaha was awarded the 2020 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Memorial Award; and

WHEREAS, as a recipient of this award, Empowerment Network has consistently demonstrated the criteria to be deserving of the award; and

WHEREAS, the staff and volunteers with the Empowerment Network demonstrated perseverance and skill in achieving this remarkable honor.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulated the Empowerment Network on receiving the National Education Association's 2020 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Memorial Award;
Award.

2. That a copies of this resolution be sent to the Empowerment Network and President Willie Barney.