

ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 479

Introduced by Vargas, 7.

WHEREAS, mentorship relationships are transformative for young people, providing them with a safe space, a source of knowledge, and an advisor for their future endeavors; and

WHEREAS, when mentors contribute their time, young people are more likely to have increased confidence, self-esteem, improved academic performance, and improved relationships; and

WHEREAS, mentorship relationships positively impact both mentors and mentees with many relationships continuing and growing as the mentees become young adults; and

WHEREAS, the READ Nebraska program has invested in mentorship for Nebraska's youth by awarding funds to Bannisters Leadership Academy, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Nebraska, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Lincoln, Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Midlands, Community Connections of Lincoln County, Girls Inc. of Omaha, MENTOR Nebraska, MentoringWorks, Inc., Partnership 4 Kids, TeamMates Mentoring, and The Friends Program of Kearney.

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

1. That the Legislature encourages participation in and support of mentorship programs across the state.

2. That the Legislature honors those who volunteer their time to make a difference in the lives of Nebraskans through mentorship.