

ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 78**

Introduced by McDonnell, 5.

WHEREAS, Caterina Malara was born Caterina Giulivo on November 11, 1935, in Reggio Calabria, Italy, and entered into eternal rest on March 12, 2023, in Papillion, Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, Caterina, along with her husband Luigi and their growing family, immigrated to Omaha, Nebraska, in 1964, in order to care for her mother, Maria Baldanza; and

WHEREAS, tragedy struck the young family when Luigi passed away unexpectedly, leaving Caterina as the sole provider for her four daughters; and

WHEREAS, demonstrating immense resilience and fortitude, Caterina committed herself to keeping her family together and used her exceptional talents as a cook and seamstress to sell homemade raviolis and pasta out of her basement and create wedding dresses for her daughters; and

WHEREAS, through her strong will, determination, and hard work, Caterina realized her dream of opening her own restaurant in 1984 providing a gathering place for the community and a lasting legacy for her family; and

WHEREAS, Caterina, also known lovingly as Nani, has been a beloved matriarch of her family with her love and influence extending to her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

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

1. That Legislature recognizes and honors the life and contributions of Caterina Malara to the Omaha community and her family and celebrates her inspiring legacy of resilience, determination, and love in the face of adversity.

2. That the Legislature acknowledges the strength and dedication of

Caterina Malara in overcoming personal tragedy, becoming a pillar of her family and community, and impacting the lives of those around her.

3. That the Legislature offers its condolences to the family of Caterina Malara and expresses appreciation for her contributions to the state and her community.

4. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the family of Caterina Malara.