

ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 252

Introduced by Hansen, B., 16.

WHEREAS, on April 18, 1921, the Legislature passed a resolution naming John G. Neihardt as the state poet laureate and held the official notification ceremony on June 18, 1921; and

WHEREAS, John was the first poet laureate in Nebraska, and the first in the United States to receive the designation through legislative action; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature noted that John "inspired in Americans that love of the land and its heroes whereby great national traditions are built and perpetuated"; and

WHEREAS, John authored many highly regarded books, poems, and other writings that are widely read today, including, but not limited to, Black Elk Speaks and A Cycle of the West; and

WHEREAS, embracing the literary arts within the state is essential for celebrating our history and culture; and

WHEREAS, poetic expression is an honored literary tradition that engages the community with feelings, thoughts, and perspectives through artistic narratives that embrace the human condition; and

WHEREAS, this year marks one hundred years since John G. Neihardt was named poet laureate.

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

1. That the Legislature recognizes June 18, 2021, as John G. Neihardt Day.
2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the John G. Neihardt State Historic Site in Bancroft.