

ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 253**

Introduced by McDonnell, 5.

WHEREAS, Randy Gerke faithfully served the State of Nebraska for a total of over nineteen years; and

WHEREAS, Randy served as the Nebraska Public Employees Retirement System Executive Director from 2017 to 2023; and

WHEREAS, Randy previously served in a variety of roles for the Nebraska Public Employees Retirement System, including as the Accounting and Finance Manager from 2003 to 2017, the Information Technology Manager from 2005 to 2007, the Interim Executive Director from 2006 to 2007, and the Deputy Director from 2007 to 2017; and

WHEREAS, during Randy's service, plan membership increased from 127,980 members to 150,585 members and plan assets increased from 14.8 billion dollars to 18.7 billion dollars; and

WHEREAS, during Randy's service as Executive Director, the annual total of member benefits distributed by the Nebraska Public Employees Retirement System increased from 720 million dollars to 1.1 billion dollars, and state and county plan members were awarded a dividend in four separate years; and

WHEREAS, during Randy's service as the Executive Director the agency expanded its education programs and customer services, began virtual seminars, office visits, and webinars, launched the Nebraska Public Employees Retirement System YouTube channel, produced multiple educational videos, and redesigned the Nebraska Public Employees Retirement System website; and

WHEREAS, Randy oversaw the office expansion project associated with the transfer of administration of the Class V School Employees Retirement Systems to the Nebraska Public Employees Retirement System; and

WHEREAS, Randy successfully led the Nebraska Public Employees Retirement

System through the COVID-19 global pandemic by managing an efficient and effective transition to a remote work model without an interruption in plan member benefit distributions; and

WHEREAS, Randy earned the respect and adoration of his fellow employees with his kind and fun-loving attitude and will be deeply missed by all those he has served over his career, the hallmark of a true leader; and

WHEREAS, Randy will retire from the State of Nebraska and the Nebraska Public Employees Retirement System on June 20, 2023.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates and extends its appreciation, admiration, and gratitude to Randy Gerke for his commitment and tireless efforts throughout his over nineteen years of outstanding service to the State of Nebraska and its residents.

2. That the Legislature wishes Randy Gerke a happy and fulfilling retirement and commends him for his exemplary career with the State of Nebraska.

3. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Randy Gerke.