

ONE HUNDRED SIXTH LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 322

Introduced by Scheer, 19.

WHEREAS, on February 29, 2020, the NEBRASKAland Foundation will present the Distinguished NEBRASKAlander Award, recognizing Nebraskans who have distinguished themselves and the state, to David G. Brown at the annual Statehood Day Dinner held in the Nebraska State Capitol; and

WHEREAS, David G. Brown is president and chief executive officer of the Greater Omaha Chamber since 2003, one of the largest, most highly accredited chambers in the nation and the Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives' (ACCE) 2015 Chamber of the Year; and

WHEREAS, under David's steady leadership, the Greater Omaha Economic Development Partnership has successfully landed more than 850 projects, representing in excess of 40,000 jobs and more than \$11 billion in capital investment since 2004; and

WHEREAS, David serves the chamber mission of the Greater Omaha Chamber - to champion a thriving business community and a prosperous region - with bold vision, comprehensive understanding, and contagious enthusiasm; and

WHEREAS, David, along with staff and volunteers of the Greater Omaha Chamber, works in earnest on behalf of more than 3,000 member businesses, encouraging their success by advocating for a strong business climate, creating opportunities for member visibility and business connections, pursuing investment and jobs for the region, strengthening leaders and the community, and enhancing the region's brand and image; and

WHEREAS, David graduated from Dartmouth College, majoring in geography with a minor in environmental studies, played on the 1978 Ivy League championship team, and received the Earl P. Hamilton Award. He also completed courses at the National Development Council, the American Management

Association, Bell Leadership Academy, and Gallup University; and

WHEREAS, David previously served as president of the Monroe County Industrial Development Corporation in Michigan and director of the Port of Monroe. He served the Greater Fort Wayne Chamber of Commerce in Indiana as vice president of economic development and later president. He also served as the president and chief executive officer of the Greater Greenville Chamber of Commerce in South Carolina before coming to Omaha; and

WHEREAS, David contributes considerable time and expertise to numerous community service organizations including the Aksarben Future Trust, Scouts BSA, College World Series of Omaha, Greater Omaha Alliance for Business Ethics, Opera Omaha, the University of Nebraska at Omaha Entrepreneurship Advisory Board, United Way of the Midlands, and the United States Strategic Command Consultation Committee; and

WHEREAS, David serves on the Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives' Executive Board and is currently chairman. He is also a member of the United States Chamber of Commerce Committee of 100; and

WHEREAS, David and his wife Maggie have been married for 37 years and have two sons, Gregory and Elijah.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates David G. Brown as a recipient of the Distinguished NEBRASKAlander Award and extends its appreciation for his service to the State of Nebraska.
2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to David G. Brown.