

ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 4

Introduced by McKinney, 11; Wayne, 13.

WHEREAS, Senator Ernie Chambers concluded his very distinguished career in the Nebraska Unicameral Legislature on January 6, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Senator Ernie Chambers was first elected to the Legislature in 1970 and has served continuously since then with one constitutionally imposed four-year hiatus; and

WHEREAS, Senator Ernie Chambers has represented Legislative District Number 11 honestly, fearlessly, and well; and

WHEREAS, Senator Ernie Chambers is the longest serving State Senator in Nebraska history; and

WHEREAS, Senator Ernie Chambers has enacted more meaningful, just, and compassionate laws than any resolution under one hundred pages in length could possibly record; and

WHEREAS, Senator Chambers authored many important bills including bills which: Abolished the death penalty; required district elections at the county, city, and school board levels; divested Nebraska investments from the apartheid in South Africa; returned Native American artifacts held by the State of Nebraska to the Native American people; restored family rights through the Nebraska Indian Child Welfare Act; established a DNA new trial right that helped to free and exonerate the Beatrice six; prohibited corporal punishment of children at schools; established a publically funded and medically approved diet for kids on welfare; established the learning community to help eliminate disparity in public education resources; and protected the environment and wildlife living in Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, Senator Ernie Chambers set a standard for honest, fearless, selfless, intelligent, and informed public service that will inspire future

generations and teach such generations how to serve and preserve our democratic state; and

WHEREAS, Senator Ernie Chambers personified the principle that "the salvation of the state is watchfulness in the citizen"; and

WHEREAS, Senator Ernie Chambers now returns to the realm of private citizenship having made an inestimable contribution to our community, state, and nation and to the world.

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

1. That the Legislature thanks Senator Ernie Chambers for his service to the Legislature and the State of Nebraska and congratulates him on his incredible career of public service to the people of this state.

2. That a copy of this resolution be delivered to Senator Ernie Chambers.