

## ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE

## SECOND SESSION

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 410**

Introduced by Carlson, 38; Brasch, 16; Christensen, 44; Dubas, 34;  
Johnson, 23; Kolowski, 31; Schilz, 47.

WHEREAS, Ron Bishop served as the general manager of the Central Platte Natural Resources District (NRD) since the formation of the NRDs in 1972 and until his retirement in June 2013; and

WHEREAS, Ron played a critical role in developing the role of the NRDs and the importance of natural resources conservation locally, state-wide, and nationally; and

WHEREAS, Ron provided leadership for the Central Platte NRD to build thirty flood control structures, clear over 500 miles of streams, and plant over 3.4 million trees; and

WHEREAS, Ron started the first ground water quality management program which reduced the nitrate contamination in the Central Platte NRD and is now a model used nationally; and

WHEREAS, Ron developed the first integrated water management plan in Nebraska to provide water for all users, sustain the state's water resources, and protect the local economy; and

WHEREAS, Ron provided the leadership for the first NRD to receive instream flow rights for fish and wildlife in Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, Ron's efforts have been instrumental to the success of the Central Platte NRD and Nebraska's NRDs to manage, conserve, and sustain our natural resources for future generations; and

WHEREAS, Ron was awarded numerous state and national awards for his leadership in soil, water, and wildlife conservation; and

WHEREAS, Ron Bishop passed away on January 13, 2014.

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

1. That the Legislature extends its sympathy to the family of Ron Bishop, and recognizes Ron's dedicated years of service to the State of Nebraska in protecting our natural resources.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the family of Ron Bishop.