

ONE HUNDRED SECOND LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 609

Introduced by Smith, 14; Ashford, 20; Cook, 13; Council, 11; Harr, 8; Howard, 9; Krist, 10; Lathrop, 12; Lautenbaugh, 18; McCoy, 39; Mello, 5; Nelson, 6; Nordquist, 7; Pahls, 31; Pirsch, 4; Price, 3.

WHEREAS, 2012 marks the one hundredth anniversary of the gift of three thousand cherry blossom trees from Tokyo, Japan, to Washington, D.C., our nation's capital; and

WHEREAS, the gifted trees were planted around the Tidal Basin in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, the National Cherry Blossom Festival is a two-week celebration recognizing the international friendship between the United States and Japan and the arrival of spring; and

WHEREAS, as part of the one hundredth anniversary, the government of Japan will be gifting cherry blossom trees to cities across the country; and

WHEREAS, Omaha, sister city to Shizuoka, Japan, has been designated as a recipient of the gift of trees; and

WHEREAS, the trees will be planted in Lauritzen Gardens and will be presented in a ceremony on April 27, 2012, Arbor Day.

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

1. That the Legislature recognizes the 2012 Gift of Trees Centennial and the enduring friendship between Japan and the United States of America.

2. That a copy of this resolution be presented to the Consul General of Japan at Chicago, OKAMURA Yoshifumi.