

ONE HUNDRED FOURTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 47

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WHEREAS, Norman Geske was born in Sioux City, Iowa, on October 31, 1915; and

WHEREAS, Norman received his bachelor of arts degree at the University of Minnesota in 1938 and his master's degree at the New York University Institute of Fine Arts in 1953. Norman also received an honorary doctorate degree from Doane College in 1969; and

WHEREAS, Norman was drafted into the United States Army during World War II and participated in the Normandy Invasion; and

WHEREAS, Norman came to Lincoln in 1950 as the assistant director of the University of Nebraska's University Art Galleries and was named director in 1956; and

WHEREAS, Norman retired as the director of the Sheldon Museum of Art in 1983 but remained active in the arts community; and

WHEREAS, among Norman's proudest accomplishments was the establishment of the Sheldon Film Theater, now named the Mary Riepma Ross Media Arts Center; and

WHEREAS, Norman received many honors in his life including the Governor's Arts Award, the Mayor's Arts Award from the City of Lincoln, the Distinguished Service Award from the University of Nebraska at Kearney, the Sower's Award from the Lincoln Community Foundation, and the NEBRASKAland Foundation Pioneer Award; and

WHEREAS, Norman Geske passed away on September 6, 2014.

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

1. That the Legislature recognizes Norman Geske's service and support of the arts and extends its sympathy to his family.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the family of Norman Geske.