

## ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE

## SECOND SESSION

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 488**

Introduced by Davis, 43; Kintner, 2.

WHEREAS, Louis Knoflicek was born on May 16, 1914, on the family farm near Plattsmouth, Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, Louis attended Plattsmouth High School where he played on the basketball team that went to the 1932 State Basketball Tournament; and

WHEREAS, Louis majored in agriculture at the University of Nebraska, was a member of Farmhouse Fraternity, met his future wife Winifred White at a square dance, and graduated in 1942; and

WHEREAS, during World War II, Louis served in Panama as a master sergeant with the 6th Army Air Corps; and

WHEREAS, Louis and Winifred were married on August 16, 1944, while on a 30-day furlough from the service, and they had 3 children named Kathryn, Michael, and David, 9 grandchildren, and 18 great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Louis worked for the Nebraska Certified Potato Growers Association until he and his business partner, Ed Weaver, started Western Potatoes Company to supply potatoes to Weaver's Potato Chips; and

WHEREAS, Louis expanded the Western Potatoes Company to supply additional companies, including Frito-Lay, with potatoes for chips and seed, and upon retirement Louis sold the company to his employees under the employee stock ownership plan; and

WHEREAS, during his career, Louis was a member of the Nebraska Potato Development Committee and the Potato Association of America, and was appointed by former Governor J. James Exon to the Nebraska Natural Resources Commission; and

WHEREAS, in 1980 Louis received the Panhandle Outstanding Service to Agriculture Award from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Panhandle Research and Extension Center; and

WHEREAS, after Winifred passed away, Louis was married again to Phyllis Rothwell Curtiss on October 19, 1991, and added Phyllis' four children, Larry, Jim, Mary, and Jeanne, along with Phyllis' 12 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren, to his family; and

WHEREAS, Louis Knoflicek will celebrate his 100th birthday on May 16, 2014, with an open house for his community, family, and friends in Alliance, Nebraska, and Louis will continue to celebrate this event at a party in Alliance on May 17.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates Louis Knoflicek on the occasion of his 100th birthday on May 16, 2014.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Louis Knoflicek at Highland Park Care Center in Alliance, Nebraska.