

## ONE HUNDRED SECOND LEGISLATURE

## FIRST SESSION

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 160**

Introduced by Cook, 13.

WHEREAS, Harry Crook, a native of Mineola, New York, served his country in three wars and served as a demolitions specialist for the Marines in World War II. After graduating from Niagara University in 1947, Crook enlisted in the Air Force. He specialized in operational and experimental flying in the Korean War and intelligence and tactical communications in the Vietnam War. He also spent part of his military career as an assistant professor of air science at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology; and

WHEREAS, Harry Crook was stationed at Offutt Air Force Base in the 1960s. He retired from the military in 1967 and chose to stay in Nebraska with his family. He worked as a right-of-way negotiator and ran his own business in commercial interior design and construction; and

WHEREAS, Harry Crook was Douglas County's chief deputy election commissioner and ran unsuccessfully for both the Omaha City Council and the Legislature. His campaign motto for his legislative campaign was "Send an honest Crook to the Legislature"; and

WHEREAS, Harry Crook was adventurous enough in his old age to tear across a lake at breakneck speed in an iceboat yet gentle and patient enough to let children tug at his beard when he played Santa Claus; and

WHEREAS, Harry Crook was married for forty-six years to his wife, Theresa, until her death in 2002. They had seven children; and

WHEREAS, Harry Crook passed away on March 6, 2011, at the age of eighty-nine.

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

1. That the Legislature extends its condolences to the family of Harry Crook.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the family of Harry Crook.