

ONE HUNDRED SECOND LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 38

Introduced by Council, 11; Cook, 13.

WHEREAS, Bertha B. Myers was born September 12, 1921, in Omaha, Nebraska, to Archie B. and Sarah Young; and

WHEREAS, Bertha B. Myers was a loving and devoted mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother; and

WHEREAS, Bertha B. Myers graduated from Central High School in Omaha, received a bachelor's degree in music from Northwestern University in Chicago, and received a master's equivalent in counseling and guidance at the University of Nebraska at Omaha; and

WHEREAS, Bertha B. Myers taught music in the Omaha Public Schools and always challenged students to reach their highest potential; and

WHEREAS, Bertha B. Myers became Central High School's first African-American guidance counselor; and

WHEREAS, Bertha B. Myers composed and published the gospel anthem "I Will Lift Up Mine Eyes" in 1960 with Grace Burt Taylor; and

WHEREAS, Bertha B. Myers received many honors, including the Black Heritage Award, the Prince Hall Grand Mason Woman of the Year, and the Bethel Baptist Service Award; and

WHEREAS, Bertha B. Myers was active in numerous volunteer and professional organizations that assisted those in need and advanced the musical arts; and

WHEREAS, Bertha B. Myers was an active member of Zion Baptist Church in Omaha, serving as a church choir pianist, organist, and director for more than fifty years; and

WHEREAS, Bertha B. Myers died on January 7, 2011.

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

1. That the Legislature expresses its deep and sincere appreciation of Bertha B. Myers for her dedication and service to the people of Nebraska, her students, and her community.

2. That the Legislature extends its sympathy and condolences to the family of Bertha B. Myers.

3. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the family of Bertha B. Myers as a token of the high regard the people of Nebraska have for her and her achievements.