

## ONE HUNDREDTH LEGISLATURE

## SECOND SESSION

## LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 404

Introduced by Judiciary Committee Ashford, 20, Chairperson;  
Lathrop, 12; McDonald, 41; McGill, 26; Pedersen, 39;  
Pirsch, 4; Schimek, 27.

WHEREAS, Nebraska legislative hearing rooms have been named in honor of certain historic political figures and name plaques have been placed above the doors to identify the rooms and commemorate the individuals; and

WHEREAS, on November 3, 1970, Senator Ernie Chambers was elected to represent District 11 of the Nebraska Unicameral Legislature; and

WHEREAS, Senator Chambers was reelected in the elections held in 1972 through 2004 to continue his representation of District 11; and

WHEREAS, due to the constitutional amendment placing a limit on the terms of members of the Legislature, Senator Chambers' service as an elected member of the Legislature will end on January 6, 2009; and

WHEREAS, Senator Chambers will make history by being the member of the Legislature with the longest length of service; and

WHEREAS, Senator Chambers during his years of public service worked to make the State of Nebraska a better place for all with particular focus on individual rights, minorities, the poor, and traditionally powerless groups serving as Defender of the

Downtrodden; and

WHEREAS, Senator Chambers drew national prominence for his legislative accomplishments requiring the divestment of state funds in stocks and bonds of corporations or financial institutions doing business in the Republic of South Africa and his legislative accomplishments protecting Native American burial sites and returning human skeletal remains and burial goods to relatives and Indian tribes; and

WHEREAS, additional major legislative accomplishments of Senator Chambers include a ban on imposing the death penalty on the developmentally disabled and establishing district elections for city councils of cities of the metropolitan class, Class V school districts, and county boards in counties with over three hundred thousand inhabitants; and

WHEREAS, Senator Chambers has served as a member of the Executive Board of the Legislative Council for twenty-six years and in that leadership role and as a member of the Legislature he has been a champion of the Legislature as a separate branch of government, promoting institutional autonomy and respect; and

WHEREAS, Senator Chambers has served as a member of the Legislature's Judiciary Committee for each of his thirty-eight years of service in the Nebraska Legislature; and

WHEREAS, naming the Judiciary Committee hearing room in Senator Chambers' honor would be a tangible display of the Legislature's respect and honor.

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

1. That the Legislature thanks Senator Chambers for his

historic thirty-eight years of service.

2. That the Judiciary Committee Hearing Room, Room 1113 of the Nebraska State Capitol, be named in his honor.

3. That a name plaque naming Room 1113 of the State Capitol the Ernie Chambers Hearing Room be placed above the door to identify the room and honor Senator Chambers.

4. That a copy of this resolution be presented to Senator Chambers.