

119TH CONGRESS
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Honoring the life of Nebraska community leader Howard L. Hawks.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. RICKETTS submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the
Committee on _____

RESOLUTION

Honoring the life of Nebraska community leader Howard
L. Hawks.

Whereas, in 1935, Howard L. Hawks (referred to in this pre-
amble as “Hawks”) was born in Carleton, Nebraska;

Whereas, in 1987, Hawks co-founded Tenaska Energy, where
Hawks served as—

- (1) Chairman and CEO until 2010; and
- (2) Chairman until 2022;

Whereas Hawks grew Tenaska Energy from a small business
out of Omaha, Nebraska, to 1 of the largest private com-
panies in the United States;

Whereas Hawks remained active in Tenaska Energy even
after transitioning to Chairman Emeritus in 2022;

Whereas, through his dedication to the community around
him, Hawks served as—

(1) a Regent at the University of Nebraska for 18 years; and

(2) a Board Member of Creighton University for 12 years;

Whereas, among his many philanthropic efforts, Hawks transformed the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in both athletics and academics and, in 2023, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln honored Hawks and his wife with the Regents Medal to recognize their contributions;

Whereas Hawks supported various efforts and projects across the University of Nebraska system, including—

(1) Howard L. Hawks Hall;

(2) a business ethics and leadership chair for the University of Nebraska-Lincoln College of Business;

(3) Kiewit Hall for the University of Nebraska-Lincoln College of Engineering;

(4) the Hawks Championship Center and Hawks Field at Haymarket Park for University of Nebraska-Lincoln athletics;

(5) Baxter Arena and the baseball and softball complex for University of Nebraska-Omaha Athletics;

(6) the renovation to the Durham Science Center for University of Nebraska-Omaha;

(7) the Tim Hawks Chair in Cancer Prevention and Population Science in the University of Nebraska Medical Center College of Public Health;

(8) the Rhonda and Howard Hawks Movement Disorders Fellowship in the University of Nebraska Medical Center Department of Neurological Sciences;

(9) the Sharing Clinic, a University of Nebraska Medical Center student-run clinic; and

(10) student scholarships;

Whereas Hawks served on the executive committee for “Campaign for Nebraska: Unlimited Possibilities”, a fundraising campaign conducted from 2005 to 2014 that raised \$1,800,000,000 in private support for the University of Nebraska-Lincoln; and

Whereas Hawks’ philanthropic commitment extended well beyond the University of Nebraska system, supporting initiatives addressing homelessness and mental health, and supporting education and the arts: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) has heard with profound sorrow and deep
3 regret the announcement of the death of Howard L.
4 Hawks;

5 (2) honors the life and legacy of Howard L.
6 Hawks for his unwavering dedication to Nebraska as
7 a civic leader and philanthropist; and

8 (3) respectfully requests that the Secretary of
9 the Senate transmit an enrolled copy of this resolution
10 to the family of Howard L. Hawks.