



**Government Bill #18
2013-14
Commendation to President J.B. Milliken**

1 WHEREAS, President Milliken has expanded access for Nebraskans, including
2 record investments in need-based financial aid. Affordable access has been Milliken’s highest
3 priority, and tuition rates on all four NU campuses are well below the peer averages. NU’s
4 tuition assistance program, Collegebound Nebraska, now guarantees full tuition coverage for
5 nearly 6,700 students. Overall, more than half of NU undergraduates receive some form of
6 grant aid that does not have to be repaid; and,
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8 WHEREAS, President Milliken has grown enrollment, including a 20-year high this
9 fall of 50,705, with ambitious goals for continued growth to help produce a highly talented
10 workforce for Nebraska; and,
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12 WHEREAS, President Milliken has brought record levels of research funding in areas
13 important to Nebraska, including water and agriculture, cancer, early childhood education,
14 public health, engineering, energy, information technology and others.

15 WHEREAS, President Milliken has overseen significant physical expansion of the four
16 campuses; and,
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18 WHEREAS, President Milliken has overseen a highly successful capital campaign,
19 whose priorities Milliken developed in consultation with the campuses. The campaign has
20 already raised more than \$1.5 billion – well over the original goal of \$1.2 billion – and will
21 conclude at the end of 2014. Last year donors gave a record \$237 million to the university;
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24 WHEREAS, President Milliken has sought the creation of a number of university-
25 wide institutes that are mobilizing the diverse resources of the four campuses: the Robert B.
26 Daugherty Water for Food Institute, the Buffett Early Childhood Institute and the Rural
27 Futures Institute; and,
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29 WHEREAS, President Milliken pushes towards a new level of commitment to global
30 engagement, which has resulted in record enrollments of international students and new
31 strategic partnerships in China, India, Brazil and other key countries; and,
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33 WHEREAS, President Milliken encourages the expansion of the university’s distance
34 learning programs, including creation of the University of Nebraska Online Worldwide,
35 which is expanding access to education to even more students.
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