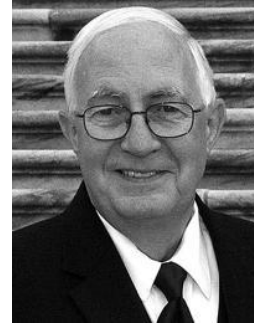


IN MEMORIAM  
HONORING  
JOHN E. JENSEN

May 1945 – October 2018



**WHEREAS**, John had a 36-year career with the Omaha Public Schools, as a physics and mathematics teacher at Benson High School and as a curriculum specialist for Mathematics, Science and Technology at South High School;

**WHEREAS**, John served on the Board of Trustees of the Omaha School Employees' Retirement System from 1979 – 2003, and was Vice President of the Board from 1985-2003;

**WHEREAS**, John became involved in the National Council on Teacher Retirement, serving on various NCTR committees, including the NCTR Executive Committee, and was NCTR President in 2001-2002, and was the first Trustee to ever serve as NCTR President;

**WHEREAS**, John was focused on the needs of students in the Omaha Public Schools, and served on the Board for the OEA Foundation from the early 1980s until he died, and was instrumental in arranging the investments for the OEA Foundation be able to sustain student scholarships for the foreseeable future. In 2018, the OEA Foundation awarded nearly 100 scholarships totaling more than \$385,000 to deserving students intent on achieving a higher education degree, and John was involved in selecting and awarding the scholarships;

**WHEREAS**, John served as president of the following organizations during both his working career and his retirement years: Omaha Education Association; Omaha Education Association-Retired; and the National Council on Teacher Retirement;

**WHEREAS**, John was an officer in the following organizations during both his working career and his retirement years: Nebraska State Education Association, Nebraska State Education Association-Retired, National Education Association, National Education Association-Retired, The Alliance for Retired Americans, and First Nebraska Credit Union;

**WHEREAS**, during his working and retired life John advocated tirelessly for adequate and improved benefits and rights for educators at the school district level, the state level, and the national level;

**WHEREAS**, on hearing of John's passing, it was said, "*a true warrior has passed,*" and "*the pension community has lost a great advocate and an icon;*"

**NOW BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of Trustees of the Omaha School Employees' Retirement System expresses its utmost gratitude to John for his unwavering commitment and passion in pursuing a secure retirement for the men and women who serve the Omaha Public Schools and his commitment to providing a better life for all Americans.

**Resolved this 7<sup>th</sup> day of November 2018**

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