

distinct privilege to bring to you this morning this resolution that recognizes the 75th Anniversary celebration of the League of Women Voters. As you see in the resolution, the League was established on February 20, 1920, and the Nebraska Chapter came shortly thereafter on June 15, 1920. I think the League, over the years, has done so much to help the democratic process and in recent history all of us remember that they were the guiding force in establishing the presidential debates, back in the early 1960s, in 1960 itself, I think. So I think all those things add up to a lot of people working hard to see to it that the democratic process does work and that all of the people in the United States, who are eligible to vote, vote in a knowledgeable and educated way. When I look at that date, February 20, 1920, it's interesting to me because that was my father's 40th birthday. He and my mother had already had two children and my mother still did not have the privilege of voting. I was the third child, so by the time I came along she was voting. Voting was really important in our household. I grew up with parents who never missed an election. They always encouraged us to vote. They wanted everyone to be there. And so I think that one of the reasons I am grateful to the League, we have so many women in Lincoln and in Nebraska who worked very hard to bring issues to the public, bring issues to their membership and see to it that people who are eligible to vote do vote and that they know what they're voting about. So I hope that you will join me and I thank all the women senators for signing onto this resolution. I think it's very important that we recognize what women ahead of us have done for us and for all of us and for everyone. This morning, I have passed around to each one of you an invitation. At eleven o'clock in the East Chamber, Elizabeth Cady Stanton will pay us a visit. She is interpreted by Dr. Sally Roesch Wagner, and she will speak in the East Chamber at eleven. Elizabeth Cady Stanton was one of the best known women in America during her lifetime. She worked very hard. She lectured in Hebron, Nebraska in 1879. She wrote for the Women's Tribune which Clara B. Colby edited in Beatrice from 1883 to 1888. She got suffrage news from the Western Women's Journal, the paper which Michael Erasmus Correll, who was President of the American Women's Suffrage Association, edited in Hebron from 1881 to 1882. I think that Nebraska connection is really important. So I will stop there and I will thank all of you very much for joining me in voting for this resolution and sending a message to the League that we do appreciate all the hard work they've put in since 1920. Thank you.