

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Thank you, Madam President, good morning. I also rise in support of the resolutions and would like to indicate that I'm extremely proud to represent the 30th District where Petersen Manufacturing home is, in DeWitt, Nebraska, and have personally known the Petersen family for a number of years, back to my childhood, and they have just done so much for southeast Nebraska that it's hard to put in words. They're fine people. They have obviously had an impact worldwide with the products that they have developed and produced over the years, and it's certainly appropriate that they would receive this recognition. In addition I'd like to make a comment about George Lundeen, another Nebraska native, from Holdrege, I believe. And Beatrice is extremely proud to have a life-size piece of his work gracing the front of our new Beatrice Public Library, titled "Story Books". He is an exceptional artist. He's a very warm, down to earth individual, one that would make all Nebraskans proud. As I've indicated before and I would like to extend the invitation again personally to the members of the body to stop by my office and can see a smaller replica of the...a piece of his work tomorrow or today even, and you get kind of a first-hand look of what his work really represents, and that's real live people doing normal, every day tasks in such a way that certainly inspires...inspires all who look at his work. So, with that, I would urge the body to support the resolutions and thank the leader for bringing them to us.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Maurstad. Senator Schrock.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Madam Chairman, members of the body, I appreciate those comments, Senator Maurstad. George Lundeen is a native of Holdrege, Nebraska, I know his family well. And I have a replica of one of his sculptures, it's called "Promise of the Prairie", it's about a pioneer family that came through the Nebraska prairies. A full-size replica (sic), or a matter of fact a larger than full-size replica (sic) is in the park in Holdrege. The nice thing about George's work, everybody can relate to them. There will also be one of his sculptures in front of the new middle school in Holdrege, and it will be called "The Apple of the Teacher's Eye". I believe it has a young lady sitting on a bench. So, if you've ever seen any of George Lundeen's work, you would appreciate them. He is becoming famous world wide. Dave, I should bring some of his work down also, so I commend you for doing that. But I'm going to stop in your office and take a look. So these are good