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

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, Madam President, members of the body, I just wanted to extend my congratulations to these winners, but especially to Tom Allan who is a constituent of mine, who always seems to be interested in what's going on down here and what we're doing. And I just wanted to add that for the record. Thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Senator Preister.

SENATOR PREISTER: Thank you, Honorable President. I rise to extend my congratulations to the award recipients and also echoing the sentiments of others of George Lundeen. George is a sculptor who can take a surface such as bronze, that is so hard, and put a softness and a human character to it that is quite unique and quite remarkable. And I would certainly encourage people to see the sculptures that he has created when they're available to you. And I have had the privilege of working with George Lundeen, in fact we've reproduced his bronzes on one of the greeting cards that is a part of the greeting card line that I have. So I extend my congratulations and am very grateful that someone of the caliber and quality of artistic ability as George Lundeen, who is world renowned, does come from Nebraska and that we're able to show that Nebraska is a land of wonderful, artistically talented people, and George certainly epitomizes that. And I extend to him and to the other recipients my heartfelt congratulations. Thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Preister. Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you. Madam President, members, I rise just on the spur of the moment to suggest that this discussion about some wonderful Nebraskans and recognizing some achievements they've made reiterates a point that I thought about for a long time with all the talk about how tax breaks are what brings people to the State of Nebraska. I think it's Nebraskans that bring people to Nebraska. I think it's the outstanding quality of individuals that we have, the history, the work ethic, attitude, sense of community that's made this state a great state over the years. And we always tend to give credit to something out there that is of controversy to try and make sure that it's propped up and continues forevermore, when