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heritage, and that's what this resolution does. This resolution recognizes Nebraska Heritage Week, which we are celebrating at this time. And it encourages...the Legislature encourages, by this resolution, people celebrating the cultural diversity and heritage which exists in Nebraska as well as throughout the nation. And we all know of our different backgrounds, mine happens to be Irish. We do...are all proud of that background and what we're doing is saying, as we...reminding people in the state that it is something that we can all stand up and look back on and be proud of. I'd urge the adoption of the resolution.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Senator Lindsay. Are there any others who wish to speak on LR 96, LR 98 or LR 100? Seeing none, we'll go a vote on adoption of these resolutions. Those in favor vote aye, those opposed nay. Clerk, record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of LR 96, 98 and LR 100.

SENATOR WESELY: LR 96, 98 and 100 are adopted. We now turn to LR 99 and call on Senator Maurstad to open.

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. Obviously the events of a week ago have placed the feet of those of us that live in the Midwest firmly on the ground as we recognize that not only is the world changing, but life in the Midwest is changing also. As I've prepared to provide a few thoughts on LR 99 you ask the questions that many people all across the country have been asking relative to why an occurrence like this might take place in our great country. And it's very difficult to, if not impossible, to answer a basic question as to why something like this might occur. It's even more difficult to understand it. A lot's been written, a lot's been said, I think it's been attributed to somebody making the statement that if you understand what occurred at the Alfred P. Murray Federal Building in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma last week, then we need to worry about you because you can't understand how something like this could take place in Oklahoma. And I think because, of course, Nebraska has a number of reasons for being closely associated with Oklahoma, it's appropriate that the Nebraska Legislature expresses our feelings and shares those feelings with the citizens of Oklahoma. And that is the sole intent and purpose of LR 99. It is a part of our Journal on