

on to spell "paraphrasable" correctly to win the state contest. I just wish to honor Matthew Wright for winning the county spelling bee four consecutive years, and the state spelling bee, which enables him to compete in the national spelling bee in Washington, D.C. for the second consecutive year. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you. Now for any members wishing to address any of these, Senator Preister.

SENATOR PREISTER: Thank you, Honorable President, friends all. I rise to support all of the resolutions that were introduced, and thank the introducers for doing so. I particularly want to comment on the Elmwood-Murdock, Ralston and Omaha Westside School recognition. All too often we do not recognize those things that we have right here at home until someone else, at a national level, points them out to us. I think the quality of education in our public schools in Nebraska is excellent. I think the quality of instruction and the quality of instructors is exceptional, and I want to salute those teachers who have helped to bring about that quality education. I happen to represent a part of the Ralston School District, and so one of these schools is directly in my district and I know some of the teachers and some of the students there. It is good to see that they have been recognized and that they have been recognized at a national level by Redbook, and I salute all of the teachers who work with all of the students across our state. I would also like to thank Senator Pirsch for her continued efforts in working with victims and victims' rights. All too often we forget also about the victims and we pay additional attention and perhaps more than we should to those that are the victimizers. But Senator Pirsch, in her consistent efforts, has looked out for the victim and for what happens with them after they have been victimized. So I applaud her for bringing this before us and for her efforts ongoing and send my concern and my sympathy to all of those people who have been victims. I say that in sincerity. And now on a little lighter note, I would like to state that I have not been victimized today when I thought that I might be. We are all very much aware of our own beloved Senator "Bud" Robinson having a penchant for seeking out lapel pins and then suddenly taking them from people. I happen to have been wearing the same lapel pin now for two days and Senator Robinson has not, we must be getting long into the night because he hasn't even noticed it yet, and he probably isn't even hearing me right now. Oh, excuse me, but, Senator