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Stan Foster passed away on December 23rd, 1996, while serving as the State Director of Rural Development for the United States Department of Agriculture, and as Chairman of the Nebraska Rural Development Commission. Stan loved his family, his state, and his country. He enjoyed and took great pleasure in working with people. In the sixties, he served his country in the Peace Corps in Malaysia. He was a teacher in Culbertson, Friend, and Lincoln, and in the eighties worked in the Legislature as a legislative aide to Senators Harold Sieck and Lorraine Langford. His life was one of service to others. Stan Foster was proud of his family and they were proud of him for his involvement and many accomplishments. Last month he was presented Vice President Al Gore's Hammer Award for innovative programs in government. Stan will be remembered for his determination, his commitment, and, in his last months, for his courage. Nebraska has lost a good friend. I ask you to join me in expressing our sympathy to his family, his wife Beverly and daughter Katey are with us this morning, and also to sons Cory and Casey who are students at UNL at Kearney. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Stuhr. Senator Coordsen.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Madam President and members of the body. Sometimes it is easy when we have commemorative resolutions like this, and we've not had the opportunity to know the people, to really not pay much attention, and in the body today there are not very many people that were privileged to know Stan Foster. I happen to be one of the privileged ones. Nebraska was somehow less with Stan's passing. He not only was an extremely capable, from my perspective, young man in all of the things that he did, whether working for the Legislature or later with fairly highly-placed positions with the federal government, but Stan had a sense of humor that was probably as good as any person that I've ever come to know. He also enjoyed, Senator Stuhr, a reputation within various organizations, both within his locality and across the state, as being an unparalleled toastmaster and teller of humorous stories. There is just a little bit of a cloud with the passing of Stan that will affect all of us, whether we knew him or not, because he was a bright presence, and I would join with Senator Stuhr in honoring Stan Foster this morning. Thank you, Madam President.