

PRESIDENT: Senator Withem. May we have order in the Chamber, please, (gavel) so we may hear the speaker please. (Gavel.) Order in the Chamber. Senator Withem.

SENATOR WITHEM: Mr. President, members of the body, this is somewhat of a unique resolution in this season where many of you are coming forward offering resolutions honoring your communities for their hundredth anniversary. LaVista is one of the youngest cities in the whole State of Nebraska. It was founded a mere 25 years ago. This year they are celebrating their 25th anniversary. Now we thought about waiting until the hundredth anniversary, but I'm afraid other than Senator Hefner, Senator Hannibal and me, probably none of the rest of you will be around here 75 years from now, so we thought we should probably do it this year if you want to get in on this honoring of LaVista. LaVista was founded 25 years ago. It began as a small housing development to the south and west of Omaha. It's been through a number of fairly traumatic changes. It is now one of the largest cities, one of the larger cities in the State of Nebraska, populated by more than 10,000 individuals. This Friday, Saturday and Sunday they will be having a celebration celebrating its 25th anniversary, and the three Sarpy County senators are asking you to join us in honoring them by passing this resolution. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Beyer.

SENATOR BEYER: Mr. Speaker and colleagues, this is a little unusual to come in with a resolution like this for 25 years, but LaVista is an unusual city. It started out as a small housing development, almost went broke. Papillion school board tried to get rid of the people in LaVista to Omaha for school. I was one of the first representatives from LaVista on the school board, even though I lived on an acreage there that was surrounded by LaVista. We've seen it grow. The people that live in it and have been on the city council, the mayor, a lot of them used to work part time for nothing just to help LaVista get going. It has developed into one of the larger communities in Sarpy County. In fact I think it would be the second largest community, right Ron? With that, I think that it would behoove us to honor them in this way. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Hartnett.