

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, I move adoption of the resolution. It is not frequent that we have an opportunity to publicly express appreciation to those that have been of assistance to this state for a great many years. Those of us, and I have had that pleasure, what, 22 years now, 24, to work with Jack Rodgers. Each of us, I know, could recite many, many examples of things that he had personally did not only to assist us but more importantly to assist this state. He was recognized as an authority on Nebraska's Constitution. And there was another unique opportunity that a great many Nebraskans had because of Jack's knowledge of government and working with the Legislature, he also taught students. And that gave insight, I think, to a great many students across this state of the real workings of state government than some of the things that tend to be thought of about people in elected office and I always appreciated that opportunity that many individuals had. There are a lot of things that I could say as each of us who have worked with him could say of things that Jack did individually for senators and I know they were always appreciated but seldom was a recognition really given. So it is a pleasure for me to move adoption of this resolution as someone who has brought honor to this body, whose integrity was always at the highest level and has served with distinction and gave a distinction for all of us that served with him. Mr. President, I would move adoption of the resolution.

PRESIDENT: Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I have had contact with Dr. Rodgers in two ways that perhaps the rest of you have not. I was once Dr. Rodgers' employee. I was not one of his best employees. I was also one of his students and I was not one of his best students either, but that was due to my performance and not his. His was always first rate. There is a cliché of being a gentleman and a scholar that we toss about lightly sometimes in bandying conversations but break those apart and they describe Jack Rodgers very well. He is both a gentleman and a scholar of the Legislature, of constitutional law of this state and that scholarship we have relied upon many times and that gentlemanliness is something we have found consolation in for years. I, too, wish to recognize with my vote and recognition the contribution of Jack Rodgers to all of us individually and to this institution for his being both a gentleman and a scholar.

PRESIDENT: Thank you, Senator Landis. Senator DeCamp.