

positions they are in. This effort is an effort to try to save and help people. It's that simple. And it is also an effort, and I think it is a very significant one, to illustrate the ability of two unlike institutions of higher learning in this state to perform a service collectively, to work together with very short notice and in very stressful situations. And I would like to commend both the University of Nebraska, I would like to commend Roy Arnold, personally. I would like to commend all six presidents of the tech schools, personally, for their efforts in instigating this program and in their efforts in coordinating this attempt. Also, I would like to thank Mr. Schroeder, the Director of the Department of Agriculture, for his willingness to serve as a coordinator of this effort. And I would hope that this body would adopt this resolution which is designed to do exactly what I just got through saying, to thank those folks for this effort. And I might point out for those of you, and I have heard some talk to that regard, that regardless of what we are going to do a lot of these people are going to go out of business anyway and we had ought not to even try to interfere, that we had ought not to build false hopes. And I totally disagree with that. I think it is too easy, it is too easy for us to be pessimistic and it is too easy for us because of the budget problems we have and because of the situation that we are in right now to interject a pessimistic attitude. And I guess what I would like to be doing with this endeavor and I would like this body to begin to think about is that there are some rays of optimism and that it will get better tomorrow, that it is a beautiful day out there this morning and the sun is going to shine and there are a lot of other high priorities we had ought to think about and that we are going to come out of this five years from now or two years from now or whenever and we are going to be a strong state and a viable state with a booming economy. We are going to look back at this time and we are going to say maybe it wasn't quite as bad as we thought it was when we were there. So, hopefully, hopefully, through this endeavor we will be able to interject some of that optimism that I think is so important. We will be able to give to some people that maybe can't see any hope right now, some hope, and if we can do that through minor efforts on our part, through minor expenditures on government's part, then it is certainly worth it. I would also like to point out to you that...and I should have cut it out and distributed it to you but I hope many of you saw it in yesterday's paper, there was an