

professor, years ago, who told me that the best measure of someone's courage and dedication and confidence, and I know Senator Chronister has made this observation, is how well people handle the daily events of their life, the daily difficult tasks that they face on a day-to-day basis, whether it is keeping their kids from killing each other, which we have in our house from time-to-time, whether it is observing a rescue squad official or a sheriff or a deputy sheriff conducting his daily events in a way that shows courage and stamina and direction. In this particular experience that I had with the Bellevue Volunteer Fire Department and the Sarpy County Sheriff's Office they did an extremely good job. I just think it is important when you see things like that to give people some recognition. I think Senator Beyer may have some comments about this also because he has had experience, as a senator from Sarpy County, with the Sarpy County Sheriff's Office. I don't want to take a lot more of this body's important time, but I would simply ask your support of this resolution commending the actions of a few individuals and their colleagues for a job particularly well done. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Beyer.

SENATOR BEYER: Mr. Speaker and colleagues, the Sarpy County senators have always felt they've had an exceptional sheriff's department and rescue squad, not only Bellevue but all of them. But I think Senator Hoagland, and I've got to pull his leg a little bit here, I question whether Senator Hoagland would have introduced this resolution had it not been for the fact that through a lawsuit that he tried and got a favorable settlement out of it that he is promoting Sarpy County. I just wonder if he would have done the same thing if the settlement would have not come through. But with that, I very much support the resolution. I think Senator Hartnett, Senator Withem and I all very much support our sheriff's office and fire department.

PRESIDENT: Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DECAMP: Mr. President, I'm sure there are many fire departments and police departments across the state that do a fine job. Yet, I can't imagine introducing resolutions saying gosh, you are good guys. Maybe Senator Hoagland would be willing to tell us just what the exact details of this situation were that prompted him to feel compelled to