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SENATOR HIGGINS: Thank you, Mr. President. When I came here in 1981 I was a freshman senator, and back in 1972 I had been the Douglas County Democratic Chairman. And at that time Richard Marvel had the courage to run on the Republican ticket for Governor and as Democratic County Chairman, of course, it was my job to help defeat him and to elect a Democrat. So when I came down here in '81 as a freshman, totally ignorant of how the legislative body really worked, I was pretty much scared out of my wits as to what kind of retribution Speaker Richard Marvel would take upon Marge Higgins, freshman senator, former Democratic Chairman. He became, to me, the epitome of integrity. He was the best friend I had with experience in the Legislature to go to and had total disregard of any of my political positions and would give me a fair and honest answer to any question I ever asked him and he even took the time one time when I went to him with a personal problem that also related to the Legislature, and spent a half hour giving me the benefit of his wisdom and his guidance. And I want to say that I learned more from Speaker Richard Marvel than any other senator in this Legislature, and when he left here I was truly sorry because I felt I not only lost a friend and a mentor, but he was to me the greatest educator about the legislative process. I missed him then and I share with his wife, Oline, her sorrow at his passing. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL PRESIDING

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SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also came in 1976 and found a great friend in Senator Marvel. I know that each and every one of you join with me in praying for the soul of Dick Marvel. He brought integrity, he brought dignity, anything that you wanted to say to this Legislature, Dick Marvel was there and brought it to us. I was very proud to work with him and my sympathy to the family and to the State of Nebraska because we lost a great friend.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Thank you. Senator Smith, did you wish to close on your resolution? Okay. The question is the adoption of the resolution. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk, please.