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PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Kristensen.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Madam President, members of the body. It's with mixed emotions I bring this resolution to you. Certainly, I believe the Nebraska Legislature owes a lot to past, former Senator Ron Cope. Ron had a tremendous amount of respect for this institution and the members in it, not only for the members that he served with, but the members who served...presently serve today. It's my pleasure, however, to sponsor this resolution. And I would invite you, and if you would care to join in this resolution would you please contact the Clerk to sign on with this resolution. We will make sure that the resolution is delivered to Carol Cope. Ron's funeral was this past week. It was a large, large funeral, and the Nebraska Legislature was one of his fondest and dearest memories, and certainly he's left a mark on this institution and this body. With that, I would offer this resolution to extend our sympathy to Carol Cope and the family and friends of Ron Cope. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Kristensen. I'll now recognize Senator Wesely, followed by Senator Hefner. Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Madam President, members. I had the distinct pleasure of serving with Ron Cope and want to express my condolences to his wife, Carol, his family, and all of his friends back in the Kearney area. Senator Ron Cope was a truly great human being, who was one of the finest, friendliest people I've ever known. He brought a spirit to this Chamber that filled us with joy every morning, and afternoon, and late into the night when we were working. He extended his friendship to all, and he will be sorely missed.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Wesely. Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Madam President and members of the Legislature, I rise to offer my support to this resolution. And I commend Senator Kristensen for bringing this resolution before us. Ron was serving in the Legislature when I first came down here. I learned a great deal from him. He gave many hours of faithful, and dedicated, and loyal service to this group. I offer my condolences to Carol, and to the rest of the family, and would