

in the Chamber, please. (Gavel.) The special program of the week this morning honors Senator Jacklyn Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: This is about my mother. My mother, Ruby Lindgren Brunke, is the daughter of the former Carl R. Lindgren, Senator of the Nebraska Unicameral, 1951-52, and the granddaughter of Andrew Erickson, Senator in 1919, and Representative in 1913 in the State of Nebraska. More than any other woman, my mother has most affected my life. Our large family lived through difficult financial times, but there was always laughter, family fun and an abundance of love. My bothers and sisters and I were always provided a wealth of cultural opportunities and social activities. My mother made sure we had the opportunity to participate in all the community, church and extracurricular school functions that our small community offered, but she also required excellence, good behavior, and good grades. She was the family mainstay through the growing years, and she remains so today. A very firm and strong woman, she was nevertheless reserved and refined, always a lady and ladylike. She was a gentlewoman in the true sense of the word. Her refinement and sophistication far surpassed the meager lifestyle our family lived in those days. We never knew times were hard because everything we had or did was influenced by her quiet love and constant support for all our children in whatever we determined to do with our lives. As I look back to my childhood, I recognize her as an intelligent, forward thinking woman who lived in a generation ahead of her time. It was my father who provided sensitivity and gentleness, but from my mother I inherited the traits that provide me with the ability to cope with the world around me, the determination to stand up for what I believe in, and the belief that whatever talents I have are to be developed and shared with others to the greatest extent of my ability to share them. Not only do I love her as my mother, but even more I like her as a woman.

PRESIDENT: Thank you, Senator Smith, very nicely said. We are ready for resolutions.

CLERK: Mr. President, if I might right before that, your Committee on Public Works, whose Chairman is Senator Schmit, reports LB 553 to General File with amendments, LB 575 General File with amendments, LB 584 General File with amendments, and 640 to General File with amendments, all of those signed by Senator Schmit as Chair.