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Joan is the daughter-in-law of the late Governor Dwight Burney. You folks remember Governor Burney also served in the Legislature and also served as Lieutenant Governor for many years. In addition to being a mother, Joan is an award winning author. She is a counselor, she is a humorist, she is a motivational speaker. She writes a column for a number of newspapers and magazines. Some are humorous, but all of them are interesting and thought provoking. I have become hooked on her weekly column and am an avid reader of each one of these weekly columns. It is now my privilege to introduce to you the 1991 Nebraska Mother of the Year, Joan Burney.

JOAN BURNEY: I want to thank you for taking time from your very busy schedule to honor the Mothers of Nebraska. I know having mothers of your own, why, it's a really sincere tribute to all of the mothers of Nebraska and especially poignant for me to be here because we were so intimately involved with this place in the, I think, 17 terms that Grandpa Burney was here as one of you and as Speaker and as Lieutenant Governor and as Governor even for a while. And we know something of the trials and the tribulations and the ecstasies that all of you go through and because we are really aware of that, I want to thank you from the Mothers of Nebraska for doing all the good work you do and I want you to remember that and to keep it up. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, and now to introduce the Young Mother of the Year we have Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, it is my distinct pleasure to introduce a constituent of mine, Deb Nelson who is the 1991 Young Mother of the Year. She has been married 10 years to Dick Nelson and has three boys, Andrews and Benton and Christopher and they are under the north balcony at the back, Andrews and Benton and Christopher, can you give us a victory sign? Huh? Yeah, all right. Deb was the valedictorian at her class in Hastings High School, class of 1975, Senator Smith. She is a graduate of the UNL Medical School, Physicians Assistant Program, a member of St. Mark's Church and works presently with Dr. Bruce Taylor here in Lincoln, works with developing prenatal education programs for mothers, volunteers as a mother's helper in the boys' classrooms. She believes in treating each one of her sons individually, developing each one's individual talents. And she sees motherhood, sees the mother as the center of the boys' lives and believes that it is her responsibility to create a secure Christian home and to