

appreciate the privilege of offering this resolution in honor of Breta Dow, Breta Peterson Dow. It is a sad pleasure to honor the memory of this tremendous woman. As a little aside of interest to people who are members of the Legislature, you will remember that her father, C. Petrus Peterson, was in the First House of the Nebraska Legislature in 1915 and 1917. He was in the old Senate in 1919, and then he was in the Unicameral in 1941 and 1943, in those sessions. She grew up in Lincoln, and, to be trite, I will say she was a woman ahead of her time. She graduated from the Law College at the University of Nebraska in 1939, number one in her class. In 1945, she was elected the first woman on the Lincoln City Council, and also that year she became the third woman in the United States to be appointed to faculty rank at a major law school, when she became an instructor and librarian at the Nebraska University College of Law. Later on, she was an Assistant Professor at the University of Chicago Law School. Those accomplishments, along with all the other things that she did, point out to you what an intelligent woman and highly intellectual person that she was. She died a week ago today after a serious illness, even which the illness didn't stop her. I saw her in the store and I know there is a lot of people listening on the intercom that saw Breta not too many months and not too many weeks before her death. Aside from all those accomplishments and so on, Breta was a tremendous loving, warm woman. She was a legendary cook. If you had been the beneficiary of one of her meals when you went to some function at First Plymouth, you came away satisfied physically and spiritually. I talked to some of her friends over the weekend, and one person put it so well; any person or organization that Breta Dow touched was the better for it. Another woman remembered when she was quite young that she had heard Breta give a speech on serendipity, and that Breta made that word come alive, that she spoke about the true meaning of the word. Breta Dow is a precious example of serendipity, of finding good where it is not expected. When you walked into Breta Dow's house, it gave you a hug, and that was Breta Dow from the very beginning. So I have passed out to you this morning a sheet that has two clippings on it, one is her obituary and the other is an editorial from the Lincoln Journal, which sums up the essence of Breta Dow. So I just ask you this morning to help me celebrate her life, to thank Breta Dow for her life, and to ask the Lord to bless and keep her. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Crosby. Anyone else wishing to discuss the resolution offered by Senator Crosby? Senator