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gone together and are looking at using money from LB 40 and part of their plan in communities working together. The community has collected \$250,000 already to bring them in. And so what we are asking today is that you would recognize their efforts, encourage them and support the project so that we might bring that out to western Nebraska. Hopefully, you will come out and visit some of the baseball games and help us on our way to some economic development in western Nebraska. I would ask you to support the resolution.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Hillman. I do have an amendment to the resolution.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Wickersham would move to amend.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Wickersham.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Briefly, my amendment would substitute for Alliance and Gering wherever it appears in the amendment, the City of Alliance, as I would deem the City of Alliance also to be an appropriate place to have a baseball team located and I believe that we could adequately express our support for that as well, Alliance as well as Scottsbluff and Gering as a community in the Panhandle. It has a rich history and tradition of support for baseball, softball and all associated sports. It is a thriving community. I would expect it to thrive even more if it had a baseball team. And I would expect that if the baseball team were located in the City of Alliance, not only would it benefit the City of Alliance and the City of Scottsbluff and Gering as well, but the entire Panhandle. And, with that, I would withdraw my amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: The amendment is withdrawn. Senator Robinson.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Mr. Speaker and members of the body, I would like to go on record in supporting this amendment, although I realize that when you hit a ball, I think you've told me this, Senator Baack, when you hit a baseball out there in western Nebraska it goes a lot farther, a lot higher, so I think it's going to be real great that Senator Hillman and Senator Wickersham, it seems, is going to have a distinct advantage out there in the light air. So please vote for this resolution. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Robinson. Anyone else