

told me she was going to do it, and I kind of thought she would too, but she's quite a lady. I could go on and tell you about all her attributes and all the things that she has done, but she will not only be an honor for Grand Island, she will be an honor for the State of Nebraska. This lady will promote Nebraska. But let me share the moment that I first met Ruby Washington. She raised these children and she raised them right. She taught them to work. I can remember first moving to Grand Island, seeing this old station wagon going down the street, kids out of every door delivering papers. One morning, on a very snowy morning, I was very upset. I wanted my Sunday paper. She had...one of the children was sick, she was delivering, and I said it's about time. And she said, I know, all my children are sick, she was out delivering those papers. But that's Ruby Washington, and she certainly is worthy of this honor, and I hope everybody votes and gives her full support. I don't want to see any zeros up there. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Fisher. Senator Crosby.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Madam President and members. I am just so pleased to join with Senator Fisher and thank him so much for bringing this resolution. I think that the day that Ruby Washington came into the Chamber, those of us who had known her before and those of us who participate in the Nebraska Mothers organization, you fall in love with her the minute you look at her, she just has that warm, outgoing nature that makes you understand that she cares about people. And one of the things I think is so telling about her and her husband, that they have worked with foster children. In this day and age when we are so cognizant of child abuse and these children who are lost because their own parents don't have the wherewithal, nor the knowledge, nor the whatever it takes to be good parents, these two people stepped in and have helped more than 200 children. So I think it is just wonderful that she is going to go all over this country and represent mothers and families and that she is from the State of Nebraska. We have had Mothers of the Year, we have had more than one American Mother of the Year from Nebraska, but this one, in particular, I think is just an outstanding choice and I have to congratulate the people who were on the committee that chose her for seeing her worth and her quality. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Crosby. Does anyone else wish to speak to the resolution? Seeing none, we will now vote