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Mary Turner passed away on her sixtieth birthday on Wednesday, January 9, 2002, after a long and valiant fight; whereas Mary Turner is survived by her husband Sigel "Bud", and son John, daughter-in-law Deb, sister Kathy and brother-in-law Jerry, mother-in-law Lue Hulse, brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, and numerous other relatives who will miss her greatly; whereas Mary Turner will be missed by her legion of friends and colleagues in the Legislature and throughout the community, now therefore be it resolved that the Legislature extends its sympathy to the family of Mary Turner; that a copy of the resolution be sent to Mary's family.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Kristensen, you're recognized to open on LR 278.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President. Members of the Legislature, it has become increasingly uncommon for us to speak about resolutions because we have other things that we do in this body, but I think today is a special day. As we, in the Legislature, have come to know, we visit this Chamber. We work hard for the days that we're here. But the reason that we're successful and the reason that this Legislature operates as well as it does is because of staff. We've lost one of our good staff members, Mary Turner. This resolution I think comes at a timely point in things that we debate because we're interested in keeping and maintaining good, long-term staff. Mary Turner was an excellent staff member. She was a transcriber. She was the supervisor of Transcribers. Mary never sought any publicity. Mary was upstairs, listening to every one of you all day long, all year long, and she loved it. She believed in this Legislature on days that maybe we didn't believe in the Legislature and what was going on. Mary passed away on her sixtieth birthday. She had been here for thirty years. I don't know of anyone who was not a friend of Mary Turner. And for those of you members who have not served here a long period of time, you will get to know, and I hope you get to know, the people who never see the floor of this Legislature but that work so hard to make this place run and work as well as it does. Mary Turner was one of those people. She was a friend of everyone. We're going to greatly miss her. We want to extend our condolences to her family and thank her family for all the