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Legislature really recognized the hardships that have been endured by not only these people who have been hostages in Iran but also the prisoners of war that have honorably served the country and stayed in honorable service during their captivity. The resolution is written clearly to provide for those that continued honorable service, and in this situation I don't think that anybody can argue that these people are undeserving because some of the most severe hardships anyone can take are that of being a prisoner of war when they are tortured and go through extreme rhysical and mental torture, and if not torture, just the presence and threats of whether they are going to make it for the months or years that are involved in their cartivity. We, in this resolution, set aside a day to commemorate or remember and think of these peorle and what they have done, the losses and the personal losses that are involved to these people for the benefit of the country from the position they were placed in in loyal service to the United States and then losing their freedom and giving up their freedom through loyal service to the United States and having really not been seriously recognized through resolution or commemoration or any other device historically. So I move the adoption of this resolution and let us think once a year about the sacrifices made by these reonle in their loyal service to the country. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: There is an amendment on the desk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senators Wagner, DeCamp and Fenger move to amend LR 6 by inserting a new section at the end which would read: (Read pending amendment found in the Journal on page 259.)

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Chair recognizes Senator Wagner.

SENATOR WAGNER: Mr. Speaker, members, the new section, Section 3 there would replace the first one and then the old one would go to Section 4 but this also goes back to the resolution that was introduced here in the Legislature in the last session, LR 204, and it is related to the wearing of yellow ribbons, and as a result of our resolution and a great many other people, the hostages, the hostage families, the yellow ribbon became very symbolic to our hostages, the freedom, trying to get them out, and this amendment just inserts this language into the resolution, and when there is a Freedom Day, we would go ahead and as a symbol, a symbolic symbol would be the yellow flag. We have talked to the Moeller family at Loup City who have done a lot of work in this area as far as the yellow ribbon is concerned. They are very pleased that this amendment is being added and I

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