

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I was very flattered and pleased to offer this resolution on behalf of the Nebraska Jaycees and what we are attempting to do here as you know is to name Interstate 480 after Gerald R. Ford, name it the Gerald R. Ford Expressway as he was the United States President and is born in Nebraska. And the Nebraska State Jaycees and myself and the other senators who signed the resolution, we're really only doing what they have done in Grand Rapids, Michigan, where they have the G.R. Ford Expressway. We are doing what they did in Detroit where they have the Edsel Ford Freeway, I-94. They also have the Chrysler Freeway, I-75, the John C. Lodge, U.S. #10. We have the Eisenhower Expressway in Chicago, the Harry Truman Expressway in Missouri and a whole bunch of other expressways and freeways and United States highways named after famous people living and dead, and, therefore, I feel that we should pass this resolution as it merely states that the state engineer is urged to initiate the procedure to affect the designation of Interstate 480 as Gerald R. Ford Expressway. I would like to add that Governor Thone late yesterday afternoon gave me his positive, personal and enthusiastic support of this resolution. Therefore, members of the Nebraska Legislature, I ask you to vote yes on LR 209. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I have one question if Senator Haberman would yield please.

PRESIDENT: Senator Haberman, will you respond?

SENATOR HABERMAN: I would be very pleased to respond to fine young Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Senator Haberman, I have only one concern with this resolution. If we name this expressway for former President Ford, will it happen to turn out to be accident prone?

SENATOR HABERMAN: I didn't hear you. My hearing aid is broke, I didn't hear you.

SENATOR WESELY: Do you think that if we name this expressway for President Ford that it may turn out to be accident prone?

SENATOR HABERMAN: I understand that he doesn't hit his head on the doorways of airplanes anymore and I don't think we will have any problems along that line.