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proclamation and program from now on is officially dedicated by me to Jules Burbach. The Unicameral is a better body because he served so well here. NPPD, the Fair Board, the State Building Commission, the Agriculture Development Corporation, agricultural generally, the sometimes forgotten taxpayers and the Burbach family indeed have lost a positive force. He was a self-educated gregarious, sincere, up front political fixture here for twenty years. He worked and he played hard. His word was always good. His and my political party differed but in our weekly telephone visits his opinion and mine on pending legislation and political matters seldom materially varied. He knew Nebraska well and you could trust his judgment implicitly. He had a statewide view, not a parochial outlook that is so easily adopted and championed here in Lincoln. There is no doubt about it, Nebraska is a better place because Jules Burbach happened by. Now to the formal proclamation:

WHEREAS the year 1982, marks the 50th anniversary of the completion of the State Capitol and WHEREAS the Nebraska State Capitol has been acclaimed as one of the architectural wonders of the world and WHEREAS the Nebraska State Building Commission in its report to the Legislature on January 1, 1935, stated the Capitol of the State is the outward sign of the character of its people, their respect for its traditions and history, their belief in its important and worth and their love of its fair name, let the new Capitol be its symbol. And WHEREAS November 11, 1922, marked the laying of the cornerstone of the new Capitol and February 20, 1919, is the day of legislative approval. Now, therefore, I, Charles Thone, as Governor of the State of Nebraska, do hereby proclaim that this 50th anniversary be officially celebrated from February 20, 1982, through November 11, 1982, in Nebraska and invite and encourage my fellow Nebraskans to join in this celebration of their Capitol's 50th anniversary by attending or participating in one or more of the special events scheduled during that period. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER MARVEL: It is my privilege now to introduce the Secretary of State, Allen Beerman.

SECRETARY OF STATE: Mr. Speaker, Governor, honorees, members of the Legislature, Nebraskans, the people and the Governor of the State of Illinois have joined us in the celebration of the 50th anniversary of this capitol building in the capital city named for Abraham Lincoln. Their Governor, Jim Thompson, on behalf of the eleven million residents of Illinois have sent to all of us a congratulations letter. Along with the letter they have sent to us this bust of Abraham Lincoln that rests on the desk. It will be placed on the fifth floor, a new museum area of this capitol, later today and so from the