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people of Illinois comes this message of congratulations and a bust of Abraham Lincoln. Yesterday we unveiled two busts and inducted two Nebraskans into the great hall, J. Sterling Morton and Governor Furnas. The sculptor for the bust of Governor Furnas was Tom Palmerton. He could not be with us yesterday. He is with us today. Would Tom please be introduced. In addition Mr. Palmerton has created the plaque that you see before us, a bronze casting of the covered wagon, oxen and a pioneer family. It is presented to John Kingsbury on behalf of the Foundation for two years of dedicated service to the Foundation and the State of Nebraska. And Mr. Palmerton and the members of the Foundation want John to have this plaque that rests before you. Thank you very much.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Chair now recognizes Lieutenant Governor Luedtke.

LT. GOVERNOR LUEDTKE: Thank you, Speaker Marvel, Governor Thone, Chief Justice Krivosha, all other honored guests, members of the Legislature, dear friends, as one who grew up in the shadow of this magnificent tower on the plains, as one who actually remembers the drama of the construction of this world famous capitol building, when I was growing up in Lincoln, I am honored to be able to make a few remarks on the occasion of Statehood Day, 1982, commemorating the 50th anniversary of this beautiful state capitol building. I particularly want to express the sincere gratitude felt by so many of us for the most helpful role being played by the Nebraskaland Foundation in celebrating this memorable event in our state's history. As most of you know, the Nebraskaland Foundation since its founding back in 1962 has been promoting the pride we all share in our great state and in helping all of us to better know and to discover Nebraska as history, as geography, as a spirit and as a lifestyle. As one who gets out into the highways and byways of our state quite frequently, I want the officers and the directors of the Nebraskaland Foundation to know, first of all, how much we as a state and as a people need you to enhance the image and the well-being of Nebraska, the good life, and secondly, how much we appreciate what you have done and what you have continued to do and what you will do in the future for us as citizens of our great state. Indeed, we look forward to this continued leadership, partnership and cooperation as we approach our entry into the next century. Therefore, on behalf of a grateful citizenry, I say, thank you and keep up the good work. I, therefore, take great pleasure in introducing to you the outgoing president of the Nebraskaland Foundation, John Kingsbury of Ponca, Nebraska. John has indeed been a strong leader