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necessary for free and open society and we underscore it with the words found below the figures, "Constant Guardians of the Law." And across the entrance, the words so familiar to all of us, "The salvation of the state is watchfulness of the citizen," not intended to mean that one is to spy on each other but rather to remind us that the salvation is in our being aware of what is going on, being mindful of what is going on and participating in what is going on. I doubt whether there is anyone who has ever made the trip to Lincoln and who has not crossed that last hill before the building comes into view who has not felt some sense of safety, some sense of knowing they have arrived without injury. But not only does that building stand as a beacon of safety in travel, it stands as a beacon of safety in a free and open society. It is a magnificent symbol of our government.

PRESIDENT: And now the program continues with a rededication statement which will be made by various participants up here on the podium beginning with Governor Thone, Chief Justice Krivosha, Speaker Marvel, President Kingsbury, Merlyn Carlson and Barry Kennedy. Would those people take their place and we will commence, Governor, with the rededication. Governor Thone.

GOVERNOR THONE: Every governor becomes an expert quickly at ribbon snipping and dedicatory ceremonies but I offer that this is the first rededication ceremony that I have been ever involved in. In representing the citizens we serve the executive branch of government on this Statehouse Day acknowledges our Capitol's 50th anniversary. To our fellow Nebraskans who came before us, we gratefully thank them for their vision in constructing this magnificent historic shrine to democracy which stands today as an outward sign of the character of our people. As Chief Executive I challenge myself and those who will follow me to administer the state in a manner deserved by our solid citizens and in a manner beneficial to the continuation of our good life.

CHIEF JUSTICE KRIVOSHA: As is inscribed so beautifully throughout the capitol in sculptured arc and granite, the judiciary realizes our Capitol's historic pledges of justice for all and equality before the law. We accept the meaning of the emblematic words, "Wisdom, Justice, Power and Mercy," as constant guardians of the law and we invite all our citizens to join us in constant adherence to these basic principles of freedom and democracy historically noted and preserved throughout this building.

SPEAKER MARVEL: In accepting the responsibility of those who served the state in this Chamber, let the nation's only Unicameral establish laws only for the good of our democracy and let our