

resolution, that amendment that I'm offering will refer back to the findings contained in this resolution. Just to give a tiny bit more background on this program, Dick Davis is a man who had played football for the University of Nebraska. He had a brother named Rick who played for the University of Nebraska at Omaha and Rick died. Prior to his dying he had indicated that he felt something should be given back to those who had helped him along the way, so he wanted to endow a scholarship fund for black students. So \$50,000 of his estate was set aside for that purpose. Rick's family members felt that that should serve as seed money and additional money should be raised by the rest of the family and friends to match it. So a number of business persons and others, I had given you a list yesterday containing some of the names, had decided that they would contribute some money also. The University Foundation agreed to match this amount dollar for dollar. That produced \$200,000. So with this private initiative and since I come from a community where the term "at risk" is an understatement, I felt it would be worthwhile to seek a one-time appropriation this year when there is some excess money in the treasury to endow a scholarship fund for those who generally are missed by the other types of scholarships that are out there. The university has been trying in recent months to recruit and retain not only minority students, but faculty members and administrators because Nebraska ranks pretty near the bottom in this regard. So the difference between this program and some others is that it started with a private initiative. \$200,000 will provide the seed money and I'm hoping that this resolution which simply authorizes the Board of Regents to implement such a program, will be adopted. Then when I offer the amendment to the appropriations bill I will go into more detail if necessary about the program itself. One thing that is gratifying to me, and it kind of pulls my fangs to some extent, is that Coach Osborne has agreed to personally give \$1,000 to the fund, but also for a five-year period give \$5,000 a year from that shoe contract that the university has obtained as a result of the winning seasons of the football program. For many years I have felt a kind of bitterness at the way black athletes can be recruited and kept in school, even those who might be marginal academically until their eligibility to play football is exhausted. But for some reason the university has never been able to put together programs that would bring in students, black students who had the academic ability to handle college work but not the money. Those could not be recruited, means could not be found to help them in school. So there are a lot