

has received a lot of attention lately and I am particularly pleased to see that Nebraska is going to pursue some of that National Geographic funding to promote what I think is perhaps as important a subject matter as a lot of other things that we currently stress today. The other point that I would simply like to make very quickly is, is I suspect that for this Legislature's purposes, one of the best things we could do is make sure all of us know Nebraska geography. I think that might solve a lot of the decision-making dilemmas that we face sometimes, and I would suggest that over the summer one of the more appropriate things we might do is proceed to strike from our vocabularies the use of outstate and, instead, actually learn where communities and regions are so that you can refer more specifically to those regions. And I think that would be...I think we use "outstate" because our grasp of Nebraska geography is a little fuzzy and it's easier to just to say Lincoln and Omaha and outstate. So I think that we could set a good example in this Legislature by adopting that practice and also supporting this resolution. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. The question is the adoption of the resolution. All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of LR 213.

PRESIDENT: The resolution is adopted. LR 214.

CLERK: Mr. President, LR 214 offered by Senator McFarland would ask the Legislature to congratulate Mr. Ed Childress for his many years of fine service to the Education of Lincoln's youth.

PRESIDENT: Senator McFarland, please.

SENATOR MCFARLAND: Thank you, Mr. President. This is a resolution that I have introduced to recognize Mr. Ed Childress who's been an industrial arts education teacher at the Lefler Junior High School here in Lincoln for the past 30 years. Lefler Junior High is a school that both my son and daughter attend, my son had attended, my daughter is now attending. Mr. Childress is a teacher at that school and I've known him and met him and he will be retiring and a reception will be held on May 25th for him. I would ask approval of this resolution in recognition of his 30 years of service to the education of our youth. Thank you.