

PRESIDENT: The resolution is adopted. LR 227, please.

CLERK: LR 227, Mr. President, offered by Senators Scofield, Lowell Johnson and Lamb found on page 2716 commends the work of Mr. Tom Allan.

PRESIDENT: Senator Scofield, please.

SENATOR SCOFIELD: Thank you, Mr. President and members. For some time now I have thought that we should recognize in this Legislature a person who has done more, I think, to teach Nebraskans about Nebraska than perhaps anybody else I know, and I, of course, knew of Tom Allan long before I came into the Legislature, as I am sure you did, but I was I guess reminded of this over the weekend when I pulled an article out of the Omaha World-Herald where Tom Allan is talking about Nebraska roads and scenic spots and not too many days before that Tom Allan had been out making Senator Lamb famous with branding at the Paxton Ranch, which is just a couple of recent examples of the kinds of fine writing that Tom Allan has performed for this state with no formal recognition, although much informal appreciation by this Legislature. But it was my thought that it is time to say something formally to Tom Allan about the positive force that he is for this state. Not only does he teach us about ourselves and about the back roads and the small towns and the big towns and the people that live in Nebraska, and just the kind of state we are, but he has always done it in a very positive way, and in a way that that message can carry outside of the state that I think does this state proud. I think in a state often that is too often plagued with east-west divisions and rural-urban splits, there is probably no one out there whose writing has done any more to bring us together as a state than Tom Allan has. And so I think it is fitting that we pass this resolution to not only show him appreciation but encourage him to keep doing the wonderful job that he has done in this state. From what we can tell, he has worked for the World-Herald for 42 years and he has been doing the over-the-road kind of reporting that he does for 33 of those years. In fact, Betty Warner told me at one time that she thought Charles Kuralt was CBS's answer to Tom Allan, and I would agree with that. We owe a great debt to Tom Allan for what he does for the state, for our image of ourselves, for our understanding as a people, and I would urge you to adopt this amendment. I would ask that anyone interested add your name to the resolution, I think it would be