

United States Supreme Court.

PRESIDENT: Senator Kristensen, please.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President, and members of the body, it is my great pleasure to help co-sponsor this resolution that you will find on page 473 of the Journal. This commemorates the 200th anniversary of the meeting of the U.S. Supreme Court, which happened in February, and the official ceremony will be February 2nd. However, in Nebraska, we are going to commemorate that celebration this afternoon at four-thirty in the Supreme Court Chambers here in the Capitol and you are all very welcome to come and join in that commemoration celebration of this event. The actual celebration really comes about because of Article III of our U.S. Constitution in which there are three brief sections that creates the federal judiciary. And it is very fitting that during our discussions while the Legislature is in session that we commemorate this opening of the United States Supreme Court and its survival for 200 years, and it is part of the bicentennial celebration of our Constitution, but this year will be the year of the judiciary, and there will be celebrations all throughout the country, and the resolution is very straightforward, very easy. It emphasizes the fact that there was a meeting 200 years ago, and asks the Legislature to join in the commemoration of the bicentennial of the first meeting of the United States Supreme Court, and with that, I urge its adoption. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. I have several lights on and I think you wish to talk about the bill that is coming up. Is there any further discussion on this resolution? Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman, and members of the Legislature, I can certainly understand what Senator Kristensen and the co-sponsors of the resolution intend to do by offering it. I can certainly understand a desire on the part of those who feel that the Constitution and the court systems have protected them. I can understand their wanting to commemorate 200 years of that activity, and want to have a celebration. But when you have a country such as this one where the very Constitution upon which it is founded not only excludes certain people but demeans them and declares them to be for certain purposes less than a human being, it has to be understood that there are differences of opinion and different reactions to activities of this kind. The