

PRESIDENT: No objection, so ordered. Senator Rod Johnson.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Mr. President, and members, this resolution is to honor one of our former colleagues, my predecessor in this body. Senator Kremer served in the Legislature from 1962 to 1982 and I have often said that there are really two men that I deserve a great deal of thanks to give to. One is former Senator Dick Marvel and the other was Senator Maurice Kremer, both of those individuals were very instrumental in getting me involved in public service and I know that Alice and her family would appreciate this gesture of support to the family and for recognizing the long time that Senator Kremer served in this body. And if there is any one individual that I personally wish to try and emulate in my public service it would be Maurice Kremer, who was honest, sincere, straightforward, all the adjectives that you could use to describe a man of his stature. He wasn't a very tall man but certainly in the stature of this body the visionary, one who saw there was a need to take big steps to preserve our greatest natural resource which is our groundwater and led many of the policies through this body that helped establish programs to preserve that very vital resource. With that, I would ask the body to send its gesture of support to the family by passing this resolution.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator McFarland, please.

SENATOR MCFARLAND: Thank you, Mr. President. I did not serve with Maurice Kremer, as some of the people in this Legislature did. I am sure that was a distinctive pleasure. I happened to have the opportunity to meet former Senator Kremer through our fellowship services here at the Legislature and what a wonderful man he is and was. He brought a vitality and a life to our discussions. He was so sincere and friendly. It was amazing to see the warmth that he brought into our group with us and people responded to him, particularly people who had known him for some time. Truly an inspirational person, remarkable Christian human being, I would wholeheartedly support this resolution and we have lost one of our great citizens of the State of Nebraska, and he is truly deserving of the recognition. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you, Senator McFarland. (Gavel.) Could we have it a little quieter, please, so that we can hear the speakers. (Gavel.) Especially those in the center aisle, could we have it a little quieter so we can hear the speakers. Thank you. Senator Hefner, please.