

the lives of these children. But it's not a dollars and cents issue, it's a people issue, it's a children's issue. It's an attempt to recognize that children at-risk and low income children have to have assistance early on, and with that assistance can reach potentials that we never dreamed of. At the program I went to in Grand Island there was a young girl who had recently graduated from high school who was one of the early participants in the Head Start program, and you could see what a tremendous impact it had on her. And there are so many other thousands and thousands of examples like her, of children who have benefitted over the 25 years of this program. And, so in recognition of that achievement, we offer this resolution and hope that you will overwhelmingly, and hopefully unanimously support it.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Crosby, please.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Mr. President and members. Just a real pleasure this morning to support this resolution to celebrate the 25th anniversary of Head Start. I've had some personal experience with the program, and also it ties in with LB 567, which is early childhood education, because the statistics on the Head Start program prove that these little ones who start...who have these advantages to have the preschool education in later years the Head Start statistics show that they went on to higher education, and that they didn't have the problems that some of their peers might have. About 23 years ago, I guess it would be, a young woman came to me to be housekeeper for me when I was working full time, and she was very...it was at the time that my youngest child was three years old. He became very close to her. And later, after she married, and the circumstances, she ended up a divorced mother with her little girl, alone. The little girl started...began Head Start when she was the age that she could do that, and it made all the difference in the world to her mother and to the family unit that she had to establish. And the little girl, the Head Start programs gave her a feeling of being able to cope with not having a daddy at home and that kind of thing. So, again, I just want to say I think...I'm so pleased that they introduced this resolution. I'm a little jealous, they didn't ask me to be on it, but thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Wesely, would you like to close? The question....Did you...okay.