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SENATOR WEIHING: Are there any of those of you who wish to speak to this resolution? If not... Senator Crosby.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Mr. President, and members. It is such a privilege to join in honoring D.B. Woody Varner in this way, and I am pleased that Senator Bill Barrett thought of it. I wish I had, I didn't think in the context of a legislative resolution. The first time I met Woody Varner he came into Washington, D.C., when I was on the reception desk as a staff member for Senator Roman Hruska, and I visited with him at that time, and the next time I saw him was when I was living in Omaha before I married Bob Crosby. My name was not Crosby. And I met him at a social function, in fact it was the Press Club Ball, and Woody Varner remembered my name, and that impressed me so much because a person like that who remembers a staff member, that says something about them. So it is just he has done so much for the State of Nebraska and for the university and for the whole educational system, for the arts. I think the Lied Center, it is wonderful to call it the Lied Center. It almost should be called Lied Varner. So I am very grateful that Senator Barrett introduced this resolution and I am happy to support it. Thank you.

SENATOR WEIHING: Thank you, Senator Crosby. Senator Dierks.

SENATOR DIERKS: Yes, Mr. President, I just want to add my voice to this resolution. Dr. Varner has certainly been a bright and shining star on our horizon in Nebraska since he came here, has been extremely helpful, and has done a lot of extremely fine things for our state. I am just very glad, too, that Senator Barrett brought this resolution. Thank you.

SENATOR WEIHING: Thank you, Senator Dierks. Senator Elmer.

SENATOR ELMER: Thank you, Mr. President. I join the others in endorsing this resolution and suggest, Senator Dierks, that rather the star being on the horizon, it is the zenith in the state. Thank you.

SENATOR WEIHING: Thank you, Senator Elmer. Are there any others that wish to speak to the resolution? I see no further lights. We are now ready to vote upon this resolution. Correction, Speaker Barrett, do you wish to close on it? Do you