

has done for the more than a decade that he was head of the university system. He did some great things for the university and the University of Nebraska, made some great strides through, albeit, some very difficult times. And I, myself, think it's been extremely unfortunate some of the criticism that has been laid upon Dr. Roskens and his job during his...particularly I was...obviously would share some of the opinions of others in the body, did not like the method in which Dr. Roskens was terminated at the university. But, nevertheless, Dr. Roskens, by his appointment, now his approval, has done truly great things for Nebraska to get this sort of appointment. I think it's high time the Legislature say publicly, Dr. Roskens, you're okay, you're all right, and I think it's...I guess I would wish the state, as a whole, would say, forget about what happened last summer, we know you did some good things for the university and we know you have a great appointment that will truly bring some good publicity to the State of Nebraska. And so my...I want to join Senator Hefner and Senator Lowell Johnson in tipping my hat to Dr. Roskens.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Kristensen, please.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body, I, too, join the various senators who have signed on to this resolution in commending Dr. Roskens. Ron Roskens is a close, personal friend and certainly is a state treasure, although our board of regents, this past summer, saw fit to not keep him as a state treasure and he has now been turned loose to become a national treasure. And I think the President of the United States and, certainly, Congress has recognized Ronald Roskens' value to all of the country. It is only my displeasure that he was terminated last summer. There is nothing we can do about that at this time, but Ron Roskens deserves every bit of our congratulations and thanks for his service to this state and I would like to publicly wish him good luck and commend him for his service, not only to this state, but now for his country. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Hefner, would you like to close on your resolution?

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President and members of the body, I think I said that all that is needed to be said. I certainly believe that Dr. Roskens has done a terrific job for Nebraska and it is only right and proper that we recognize him and honor him