

himself and the state while working as a security officer on the 14th floor of the Capitol; and Whereas, Ernie will be greatly missed by all who knew him. Now, therefore, be it resolved by the members of the Ninety-First Legislature of Nebraska, First Special Session, that, we, the Legislature express our sympathy to the family of Anastacio Munoz. That a copy of this resolution be presented to the Munoz family as a tangible symbol of the best wishes for the family and as an expression of regret for Ernie's death." I looked and found a short newspaper article about Ernie and I would...I would just like to read it as well because I think it kind of describes what an important role and function he performed while he was here at the Capitol. It says, "His department is security but his work is public relations. An average of 650 people visit the Capitol each day, he said. On some days from 300 to 600 grade school and high school students tour the building. He often exchanges information with visitors from around the country and the world. You open up a little bit and they tell you everything, he said." And that's the type of person Ernie was, if you met him and knew him. He was always willing to speak and lend a comforting word and give you a smile and help you out and he will be greatly missed by me and I am sure by all of you. So I would ask you to pass this resolution in his honor. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Wesely, then Senator Warner.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Mr. President, and members, I would commend Senator McFarland for the thoughtfulness in introducing this resolution. I only wish I had thought of it as well. You know, the mark of an individual sometimes is seen by whether or not they achieve recognition by one name. I remember reading that about Cher and Madonna and other more famous individuals. In our own state, when you say the name, Ernie, most people think, of course, of Senator Ernie Chambers, but I think in our Capitol there were two Ernies. The second Ernie was Ernie Munoz who is an individual I have known for close to 20 years. I first knew him when I was a tour guide here in the Capitol Building, as a young college student, and he was a good friend then. And then shortly afterwards I was elected to the Legislature as a graduate student from the university and Ernie became an even closer friend as we spent time together over the years. His loss is one felt very deeply by his family. I saw them at the funeral and know how much they miss him. This is a very thoughtful effort to recognize an individual that was an unsung hero. There are many of us here in the Legislature, of