

CLERK: Mr. President, LR 5 offered by Speaker Barrett, found on page 99 of the Journal. (Read brief description of LR 5.)

PRESIDENT: Speaker Barrett.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you, Mr. President, and members, with regard to the resolution found on page 99 of the Journal, I took at look at Random House Dictionary and tried to find a definition of "institution", and I found that the word "institution", as defined, is, "An organization or establishment devoted to the promotion of a particular object, especially one of public educational or charitable character." We have commemorated many institutions in this Legislature over the years, from Boy Scouts to Girl Scouts to Mothers Of The Year and Hallmark Cards, and I can't think of a better institution to honor this morning than Congresswoman Virginia Smith. She has certainly been an institution in the huge Third Congressional District of Nebraska and I don't think there has been any other institution more devoted to agriculture and to education and to the citizens of the grand Third Congressional District than Congresswoman Virginia Smith. So, at this point, I would recommend that the Legislature merely recognize these accomplishments over the years of a fine dedicated public servant to coincide with the accolades that are now taking place across the Congressional District as individuals and communities have begin to honor and recognize the accomplishments of this public servant. I would urge the body to adopt the resolution. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Mr. Clerk, I understand we have an amendment.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Yes, Mr. President, Senator Chambers would move to amend the resolution.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I know the Clerk hates to read the amendment so I will read it. Senator Barrett, after the last "Whereas", I would amend that by striking the period and add these words, "thereby creating..."...that Whereas indicates that Congressperson Smith is not going to seek the office anymore, so I will strike the period and add these words, "thereby creating the opportunity for some of our colleagues to seek that exalted office." But before I discuss that, I want to mention that I had resorted, Senator Barrett, to the...what dictionary was that you mentioned? The Random House Dictionary? And for a definition