

from the big Third District originally and it's lovely down here in Lincoln and around the Platte River and Omaha and so on, but when you go out west to the prairies you really know what Nebraska and the Great Plains are all about. Virginia Smith personifies the character and goals of all of us in Nebraska and I'm just so pleased to have this resolution to support. My middle son happens to be on Virginia Smith's staff. That doesn't have anything to do with my support of her, really. But I got a little jealous, I'll have to admit, when he first started working for her because he sang her praises and still does, and her staff is dedicated. I have learned that and I think that bespeaks well of her too. Her dedication to her constituency and the concerns of the State of Nebraska as a whole and as agriculture is legion. She is a tremendous role model for all of us, I think, from the point of view of being in politics and remembering who elected you. So, thank you, and I do support the resolution.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Wesely, please.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Mr. President, and members, I will only briefly point out the irony that some have already discussed on the floor privately that we had a recent resolution dealing with Senator...not Senator, former Senator Hoagland, now Congressman Hoagland, where some objected and strenuous debate ensued and amendment occurred and I just want you to know, Senator Barrett, I don't plan to pursue any amendment or any debate. Although there may be difference of opinion on some of the things Congresswoman Smith has done, it is befitting to recognize her just as I thought it was befitting to recognize the achievements of Congressman Hoagland. It's too bad sometimes we don't play square on both sides of the fence on these things and I hope that we will be able to deal with this resolution in a more constructive fashion, as I had hoped we would on the other resolution that we dealt with Congressman Hoagland.

PRESIDENT: Senator Lamb, please.

SENATOR LAMB: Well, Mr. President and members, I, too, laud Virginia Smith and we all probably have stories that we could tell of a favor she has done, things she has done that's been good for the State of Nebraska. But I have one particular issue that's close to my heart and I would like to bring that forth at this time and that's her opposition to the scenic river