

that we should all be proud of. It should be something that we should all be commended for. There is a lot of sacrifice and a lot of dedication that is inherent in doing this type of job for the citizens of our state. And I know that I did not know Virginia Smith well but I knew of her and heard of her and all the fine work she did for all the citizens across the State of Nebraska and I would wholeheartedly support the resolution.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Dierks, please.

SENATOR DIERKS: Mr. President and members of the body, I, too, commend Senator Barrett for this resolution. Like Senator Crosby, my son spent a summer as an intern in Senator...or in Virginia Smith's office in Washington, D.C. I think he found it a very worthwhile experience. I know we appreciate it. And I have been on many speaking platforms at the same time that Virginia Smith has been and I found her to be extremely competent. She represented her district very well and I just want to add my thank you to the whole process. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Coordsen, please.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Mr. President, and members of the body, I think all of us that know Congresswoman Smith have our own stories as to the effectiveness and the care and concern that she has demonstrated throughout her years in Congress, representing the Third District of the State of Nebraska. My personal experience, and I think it's one that might be somewhat of a guidance to all of us in our relationship with our constituents, was one time I was in Washington providing testimony to the House Appropriations Subcommittee For Agriculture and they were called out for a vote and I was scheduled to leave later that afternoon. And when they finally came back into committee session the time for my airplane departure was almost at hand and, certainly, Mrs. Smith did not know me from any of her other constituents but unbeknownst to me she had made arrangements for personal transportation, saw to it, personally, that this constituent of hers was at the airport in time to leave for home. And if all of us can follow her example in only the one area of service to the constituents, we will have been successful in our endeavors. Thank you for allowing me to share that.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Scofield, please.