

SENATOR SCOFIELD: Mr. President and members, I, too, rise to support this heartily and apologize for being late this morning. I had an opening welcome to give at a children's conference that is going on over here this morning. So I'm pleased that I made it back in time to say a few words. Virginia Smith has been an outstanding example to Nebraskans and personally inspiring to me as a woman. I think all of us who are women in this body appreciate in particular the kind of example that she has set and she has made, in fact, a woman candidate in Nebraska credible. That wasn't the case, frankly, when she ran and I heard a lot of skeptics say it would never work, and she has more than proven them wrong. Her level of energy is astonishing. In fact, I have always wanted to know where she got that energy because I see her able to perform, always been able to perform at levels far beyond that of people half her age. And so I thank Senator Barrett for bringing this and certainly add my hearty support. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Barrett, would you like to close, please, on your motion.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you, Mr. President. In closing, I think the previous speakers have pointed out very well the reverence and love held for this dedicated public servant. For those of you who, from the eastern part of the state who may not be aware of it at the present time, there are events taking place across that Congressional district honoring and thanking Virginia Smith for her efforts. I urge you to join me in adopting the resolution. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. The question is the adoption of the resolution. All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please. Record vote has been requested.

CLERK: (Read record vote. See pages 116-17 of the Legislative Journal. The Journal shows the vote to be 40 ayes, 0 nays, 5 present and not voting, 4 excused and not voting.)

PRESIDENT: The resolution passes. May I announce that four of our members have had birthdays during the past few days or in a day or two to come and they are Senator Smith, Senator Beck, Senator Baack and Senator Ashford. And we will have some goodies this forenoon and this afternoon, and thanks to them. Shall we wish them all a happy birthday and several to come. And thank you. Resolution number 6.