

senators' attention to the south balcony where we have as a special guest of Senator Schrock, Bill Podraza of Lexington. He is the City Manager at Lexington. Please rise and be recognized and welcomed. Also as special guests of Senator Haberman today are seated under the north balcony. They are members of the Perkins County basketball team of Perkins County High School in Grant, Nebraska, and the coach is Larry Pritchett. Welcome to the Chambers today. And again under the south balcony as guests of Senator Wickersham are Chuck Mumby and Larry Martinson of Harrison, Nebraska. Welcome to the Chambers. Please rise. While the Legislature is in session and capable of transacting business, I propose to sign and do sign LR 35. Mr. Clerk, we will proceed with Item 5 on the agenda, legislative resolutions, LR 32.

CLERK: Madam President, LR 32 introduced by Senator Crosby, found on page 843 of the Journal, asks the Legislature to extend its congratulations to Senator Carl Curtis on his receipt of the NEBRASKALander award scheduled for March 9, 1991.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Crosby.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Madam President and members. It is a real pleasure to say "Happy Birthday" to our state today. The Supreme Court handed us a nice little birthday present, but just remember, we are survivors, and we will cope with all of this that comes down or across the hallway here from the Supreme Court. Just as a preface to the three resolutions...to my three resolutions this morning, I want to remind you of some of the geographic, the geographic features of our state, and I am taking this from the Blue Book, to remind you of the huge fossil beds and glacial deposits in Nebraska, that this region was the bottom of an inland sea, and was later elevated above the water. At one time, a tropical climate prevailed and there are those who think that we are going back to that. Glaciers covered the land. The other thing is a quick reminder of how we got our name, Nebraska. The name Nebraska first appeared in the writings of Etienne Veniard de Bourgmont, who explored the Missouri River in 1714, and he spelled it N-i-b-r-a-s-k-i. Sounds Polish. It wasn't until 1842 that the word "Nebraska" as we know it began to appear in publications from the Oto Indian name for the Platte, meaning "flat water". So it is a real pleasure this morning for me to introduce these resolutions for three men who are going to receive the awards from the NEBRASKALand Foundation on March 9th. The first one is LR 32.