

Nebraska. Joan is also known as an award winning author, a humorist and a counselor. Joan was interviewed Monday morning on CBS this Morning's Show and she said, I was surprised that I won because I felt more serious mothers would have a chance even though I think humor is one of the more serious things we have to do in this life. It is indeed a pleasure for me this morning to introduce this resolution to honor Joan Burney as National Mother of the Year. I move for the adoption of LR 73.

**SPEAKER BAACK:** Thank you, Senator Hefner. Discussion, Senator Dierks.

**SENATOR DIERKS:** Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I just wanted to add my note of approval and congratulations for this honor that Mrs. Burney has won. I've known Mrs. Burney for a number of years, as well as her husband, and I find them, in my opinion, very deserving of this award. I'd just like to say thank you to Joan for being Nebraska's Mother of the Year and the National Mother of the Year.

**SPEAKER BAACK:** Thank you, Senator Dierks. Senator Crosby.

**SENATOR CROSBY:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members, it's a real pleasure to join in this resolution and I went back and got a little history. I happened to be a member of the Nebraska Mothers organization and my husband's mother was Nebraska Mother in the year 1954 I believe it was, but the little history I got that might interest you is that, in 1937, Marie Gray of Hastings was the American Mother of the Year and also, in 1957, Hazel Abel of Lincoln was American Mother of the Year. In '63, Mrs. John Engdahl and, in 1985, Louise Cimino of Omaha was American Mother of the Year. So I am just so pleased. I enjoy Joan Burney's writings and I have one of her columns that I've kept for years and years that she had written about a priest in Randolph, Nebraska, who was terminally ill and they had given up on him and she wrote this wonderful column about him and he, incidentally, he's still around. He still has survived and Elroy is nodding his head, he knows the priest. So, as I say, it is just wonderful to join in in honoring Joan Burney and all mothers today and I just thought you'd like to have that little history. Thank you.

**SPEAKER BAACK:** Thank you, Senator Crosby. Anyone else wishing to debate this motion? Seeing no one, Senator Hefner, do you wish to close?