

Phyllis Lainson.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Bohlke.

SENATOR BOHLKE: Mr. Speaker and members, it is an honor for me to introduce the resolution this morning in recognition of the years of service Phyllis Lainson has given the City of Hastings. Following her announced resignation as Mayor, a newspaper article noted that during her term it was routine for her office...for her to keep the office open eight hours a day or longer. Today, I thank Phyllis Lainson for years of strong leadership. Although long hours were routine, her term as Mayor was exceptional. Thank you.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Bohlke. Senator Crosby, did you wish to address this?

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and members, yes, it is a real pleasure to join in this resolution this morning with Senator Bohlke. As a former Hastings resident, it was a privilege always to work with Phyllis Lainson. I have worked with her on a lot of community projects and on political campaigns and she was so...always a person who was well organized and ready to do the best for her community and for her state. I think she has a real ability and I'm really sorry to see her...I think she had to resign as Mayor because I thought when she was elected that it was just a joy to see my good friend, Phyllis Lainson, be Mayor of my home town. So it's just...thank you very much, Senator Bohlke, for introducing this resolution.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Crosby. Senator Nelson.

SENATOR NELSON: Mr. Speaker, I, too, join in Senator Bohlke and Senator Crosby. I have not had the opportunity to know Mrs. Lainson nearly as well as either of the other two senators, but from what I hear constantly from the community to the north, she was very well respected, very well liked, and when she went into the time as Mayor, there were troubles that needed...or waters that needed to be settled and she was very, very good at that. I, too, am sorry to hear of her resignation. So I do appreciate the long hours and the time and the dedicated service that she did give for community service. So she does deserve this recognition.