

posthumous. I wish he were here in person so that we could honor him personally, but he's not. So in his memory and in his honor I'd offer this resolution and ask for your support.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Lynch. Senator Rasmussen.

SENATOR RASMUSSEN: Yes, Madam Chairman and members of the body, I, too, rise in honor of Dr. Frank Menolascino. He was somebody who made a tremendous impact on the lives of many, both professionally as well as for people who have disabilities. He was a man who had a tremendous impact on my life when I was a sophomore at the University of Nebraska. He and "Wolf" Wolfensberger put together a program called Summer Work Experience and Training, better known as Project SWET, and the object of that program was to try and get people interested in the profession of working with people with disabilities. He did just that with me. I had not been going in that direction and it was a true fork in the road for me, but, more importantly, he taught me two things that traditional education usually tells you you're not supposed to do as a professional. One is, he said, you should be an advocate for the people that you work with, that you should fight for their rights as citizens of this country and for their worth and their dignity. He also said it's okay to care about the people that you work with and I have carried both of those messages with me in my profession and I attribute that to Frank Menolascino. Frank is also a neighbor of mine. He and his family lived just behind us, was, and his family remains an integral part of our community and he will be sorely missed especially in our Fourth of July parade. I join the rest of you today in honoring this truly terrific person.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Rasmussen. Senator Schellpeper. Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Madam President, members, I, too, want to rise in support of this resolution. It's a fitting tribute to Dr. Frank Menolascino who died far too young at 61 and had done so much in that life span for so many people that we'll probably never know who to thank for the different programs and services that are in place in Nebraska and in the nation and even across the world as a result of his creative thinking and compassion. He was a great man, one admired by many who are familiar with his work and familiar with his personal style and commitment. I had the great pleasure of working with him in a number of different issues over a number