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understand how much sacrifice all of us have to make to serve...to serve the state. And I do appreciate the sacrifices that you have made. It has been a pleasure serving as your Speaker for the last two years. Thank you. (Applause.)

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Madam President and members of the body. I am just very pleased to be able to stand here and thank someone who is a good friend of mine, who has been presiding over this Legislature for the last two years, who is very gracious, who is, I think, cool under fire and quite unflappable, which is quite a feat when you consider some of the things that this Legislature does put our presiding officer through. I also think that she is a quick learner and has provided a great deal of dignity and decorum for our Legislature, and I hope to serve again with you next year, Madam President, and so I would just like to present this plaque to you at this time. (Applause.)

PRESIDENT MOUL: I will speak from here for the first time. I remember very, very well the day that I accepted the gavel for the first time, and I said on that day that I hoped that you would find my days as presiding over you to be fair, competent and consistent. I hope that has been the case for the last two years, and I look forward to serving with you for two more years. And I am also very, very pleased that my husband, Francis, the First Lieutenant, is here with us today. Thank you. (Applause.) I will now recognize Senator Coordsen.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Madam Speaker, members of the body. I will never be in this position again in my life. Forty years ago, General Douglas McArthur was redistricted out of office by then President Harry Truman, and about all we remember from his speech was that he said, old soldiers never die, they just fade away. Well, Ed Schrock hasn't been around long enough to be an old soldier, and if we can believe what we read in the papers, he quite probably will not just fade away, but it has been my pleasure to serve with Ed this last several years. He has proven to be a credit of the Legislature and a person that I call a friend. Ed. (Applause.)

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Schrock.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Thank you, Madam President. Well, like was