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a legislator. You will be missed. Please come up and get your plaque. (Applause.)

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Peterson.

SENATOR PETERSON: Madam President and members, I stand here before you today and I have got a few words to say, if I can get them out. First of all, I want to thank the good Lord for giving me the opportunities that he has given me, and one of them has been to serve in this body. And a few people have that opportunity to do the things that I have had, that I have been able to do and accomplish. There is other things that I want to do, the good Lord willing, and I leave here with no regrets in many ways. I want to thank my wife, who has been with me over 40 years. Some of you will say, well, I can't understand that, knowing me, but she has put up with me for 40 some years, and it has been a joy. And I want to thank my staff for all the years that they have been with me, and you, as legislators, it has been great. I have enjoyed it. It has been an education, everything you want to describe is here. I wish more people would have the opportunity to serve and do the things that I have. And it's on and upward, if the good Lord willing, for other things, which I have some plans for. I thank you all and I bid you adieu. (Applause.)

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Madam President, members of the Legislature, this morning as I was having a cup of coffee at the kitchen table I started thinking what I might say about Senator Lowell Johnson. Having sat with him on the Appropriations Committee for ten years, I got to know him well. As I was sitting here I started thinking of descriptions I've heard others give. I started to write them down and I wrote quiet, thoughtful, dignity, consistent, loyal, respectful, solemn, effective, integrity, dedicated, and then I thought I need...I want to try to put some of those words together. What I'd like to say, which is I'm sure shared by many members of the Legislature, Lowell, that I have thought of you as a quiet, thoughtful individual that adds dignity to every occasion. You've been consistent on behalf of those you represent and in your approach to public issues, loyal to your principles, loyal to your friends and loyal to those that you have represented. Lowell gives respect to others and, in turn, is respected by others. You have been a solid citizen throughout your life for your