

SENATOR MAURSTAD: Thank you, Madam President, members of the Legislature. This morning I bring a resolution to the body to declare the week of April 9th through the 15th and recognize that as National Library Week here in Nebraska and also to congratulate the Nebraska Library Association on its 100th birthday. I think all of us have at least a library in our district and recognize the importance of libraries to our areas and to the communities and the people that they serve. And I think the first three lines of the resolution sum it up pretty well in that libraries preserve the heritage of all human mankind, enable people to educate themselves and are essential for citizens' access to information in a democracy. And would like to urge the body to adopt LR 80 to recognize the libraries in our state. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Maurstad. Senator Crosby.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Madam President and members. I'm so pleased that Senator Maurstad brought this resolution. Libraries are near and dear to my heart, from the time I was a little girl. And I think in these days of Internet and computers and fast communication for me a book is still the number one way to get knowledge and relax and enjoy a good story, whatever. The libraries are a strong component of all the new technology along with all of the things that we've enjoyed all of our lives, going to the library and all of the...in each city and the primary cities and so on, and the smaller ones that have small libraries, they offer a lot of services and classes to children and to...we have one...the Heritage Room at Bennett Martin, here in Lincoln, has wonderful programs and wonderful conferences and seminars on literature and so on. So all of those things, I think, add up to what we always like to refer to as the wonderful life we enjoy here in Nebraska. So thank you, Dave, for bringing the resolution, I'm pleased to support it.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Crosby. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President, members of the Legislature, and Senator Maurstad, I think this is one of the better resolutions to have been presented to us because it addresses a facility or what could I call...a service that I think is extremely important. If you're a person of modest means, such as myself, you're not able to do a lot of traveling, certainly