

that gives a great deal to the community, constantly involved in community affairs. Joe R. Seacrest was editor of the Lincoln Journal from 1962 to 1986 and was a leader in one community endeavor after another. He was the kind of person who didn't seek to...who didn't assume that the world would always be what it was, but believed that the world could be improved. He didn't seek to protect his children against the world by economic or social privilege but rather sought to make the world a better place for his children and I think that's what I'll always remember about Joe R. I think that the one thing he believed and the reason he believed the world could always be a better place is because he had such great faith and such a passionate interest in the First Amendment of the United States Constitution and the concept and idea of freedom of speech. And Joe R. believed that as long as we had freedom of speech in this country that this country was going to get better and better and better. He was a graduate of Yale University and the University of Nebraska, College of Law, Editor of the paper for many, many years, winner of many, many awards, instigator of many, many community efforts relating to health care, relating to streets and highways, natural resources, parks into a broad gamut of beneficiary endeavors for the people of the City of Lincoln and for the people of the State of Nebraska. Has left four sons and a daughter, four of whom are involved in the Lincoln community and continue along the path that Joe R. has set and left his wife, Mike, who many people say is the best thing that ever happened to Joe R., the best decision he ever made. And we wish to express our condolences to Mike and to the family and to thank them for everything they have given to the community by letting Joe R. do his thing for the community. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Beutler, were you yielding part of your time to Senator Wesely? Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members. First, I want to thank Senator Beutler for drafting the resolution and following up on this very important person and in many lives in the City of Lincoln and the State of Nebraska. Joe Seacrest I got to know when I first ran for the Legislature and he inspired me to take up the cause of trying to get data collection on health care back in 1979 and whenever I decided it wasn't a cause worth fighting any longer year after year after the effort was defeated, he kept encouraging me and backing me up on it and eventually I think it took us 15 years which seems incredible with the talk of 8-year term limits but it took 15 years but we