

forth those statistics to you in a resolution that they've drawn themselves. And we had 42 teenage fatalities tragically occur between January of '95 and January of '96 this year. We had over 5,500 teenagers who were injured in those automobile accidents, all on the state of Nebraska roads. The students have turned their grief and their sorrow into a very positive event. The Governor has agreed also to have a, declare this day as a Youth Highway Safety Awareness Day. We've decided to try and have that day be declared in April of this year, April 8, 1996. In fact, this morning the Kearney High School is watching, along with the community of Kearney. We're glad that we can broadcast the Legislature out to that part of the state and so they can participate in their government we well as those in Omaha and Lincoln. So with that I'm extremely proud, would hope that this Legislature would unanimously accept Youth Awareness Day for safety on our highways. It's extremely important. And I'd be happy to answer any questions and hope you'd join in supporting me with this very worthwhile project as they turn a tragic event into one that's a very positive event, not only for them, but for the entire state of Nebraska. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Senator Kristensen. Senator Crosby.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, again, Mr. President, and thank you, Senator Kristensen, for bringing this resolution. As I said in my resolution, it's wonderful to see young people rise up to an occasion and try to do something positive. And this is certainly a wonderful example of the young people out in Doug Kristensen's area who have turned something bad into something positive and trying to do something to make other people aware of highway safety. And so April 8, I think it will be a wonderful day, so people can be...these young people will be aware, but as adults, we should also be aware and compliment them and trying to encourage them to continue this positive feeling about their daily lives and how they react on the highway and on the streets because courtesy is the name of the game when you drive. And I think that they will find that out. And aside from the sadness that they feel about the tragedy, they all grew up a little bit, and this is proof positive that that did happen. Thanks, Doug.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Senator Crosby. Senator Hudkins.