

their work. I hope that you'll support the resolution. I'd like to point out that these two plates that I have here in my hand were brought over to me by the Governor's...from the Governor's mansion. They are different. It's part of the wildflower scenes that were painted on this collection that were presented a number of years ago. One of the ladies who painted this plate is Mrs. Marlene Seevers. She was introduced a little bit ago. She's from O'Neill, and the other lady is also from the O'Neill area, Mrs. Denker. It's beautiful, beautiful work and I would appreciate your support of the resolution. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator. Senator Hudkins.

SENATOR HUDKINS: Thank you, Madam President and members of the body. I think you all probably have on your desk a copy of a newspaper article entitled "China Painters Aim to Get More Respect". One of the ladies in the picture, Jane McKlem, happens to be with the group of china painters that are here today and Jane is also a neighbor of mine. She has a Lincoln address, but actually we claim her at Malcolm too because her children went to school at Malcolm with my children. I rise in support of this resolution. I am not an artist myself, but I have the utmost respect for those that are and these examples of china painting that we have on the table under the balcony are just beautiful. I have several examples of Jane McKlem's work and I really appreciate the talents that she has and that the other members of her group have, so I would very strongly urge that you support this resolution. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Hudkins. Senator Preister.

SENATOR PREISTER: Thank you, Honorable President, friends all. I thank Senator Dierks also for bringing this forward. I think it is important that we recognize that we have very talented people here in the state of Nebraska and that we appreciate the arts. All too often they are the first things that are cut when we come to spending cuts and they are under appreciated and the people who have those God-given talents are not always fully appreciated, particularly when those people are women and when the things that they do are also utilitarian. The arts on the paintings, the tapestry in the quilts, the kinds of crafts and arts that we have great talent in this state and in the Midwest to do are not always appreciated so I particularly appreciate