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PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator. Will you turn your light on when that...when you're...thank you. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, resolutions this morning. The first, LR 283, offered by Senator Crosby. It's found on page 150. (Read title.)

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Good morning, Senator Crosby. You're recognized to open on LR 283.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Mr. President and members. And I do want to thank the Speaker for his forbearance in allowing me to wait to do this...these two resolutions today because of the problems and my infirmity last week, because I wasn't here so...but I do want to start talking about Marjorie Marlette. She...I admired her so much. She was a woman that you might say was ahead of her time. She and I are more or less contemporaries, she's somewhat younger than I am. But I do have a clipping, if any of you want to read it, from the Journal Star, and some of you probably did. But she began a 31-year career at the Lincoln Journal, covering courts and the correctional systems. And at that time, in the fifties, still women, more or less, were relegated to writing about women's activities, or the family, or whatever, how to cook, you name it. But Marj, when she first started, when she was still in school she was covering the presidential campaign, and Thomas E. Dewey came to Lincoln for a speech, and she wanted to cover Thomas E. Dewey, but they assigned her to cover Mrs. Dewey. And, of course, Mrs. Dewey mostly wanted to talk about women things, not about the campaign, which frustrated Marj. But Marj persevered. She was a brilliant writer and she never lost her kindly way of talking to you or working with you. She never lost her womanly qualities to find the career that she wanted. And she and her husband had a long marriage and children and so on. I just can't...I can't tell you how much I admired this woman. She was on the Parole Board, appointed by Governor Thone. She was adamantly against the death penalty, but there again in a firm, common sense way. She always had a way of expressing her views without offending anyone. So I just want you all to join me this morning. I miss Marj greatly. I happened to see her not too long before she died; I saw her in the grocery store. So she's just one of those people that every