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day some way or another I felt like she was out there doing the things that she thought were important and helping make the world a better place. So thank you very much for supporting the resolution.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Crosby. Senator Crosby, would you like to close on the resolution? Senator Crosby waives closing. The question is the adoption of LR 283. Those in favor vote aye, those opposed nay. Mr. Clerk, please record.

CLERK: 33 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of LR 283.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: The resolution is agreed to. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, LR 286, by Senator Crosby, found on page 151. (Read title.)

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Crosby, you're recognized to open on LR 286.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Mr. President. And again I thank the Speaker for allowing me to wait to do this one. I did want to speak about it because I think "Woody" Varner is one of those icons in the state of Nebraska that we revere and we all miss him, yes, we do, along with his family. "Woody" Varner was a gentleman who came up here from Texas, but embraced Nebraska. He and Paula became Nebraskans and helped further the good life in Nebraska. He loved the arts. He was one of the movers and shakers to form the MidAmerica Arts Alliance, a mover and shaker to build the Performing Arts Center, the Lied Center. He was there always to help whatever art project was coming along. He had an assistant way back, when he was chancellor. He had an assistant who was there to work in the arts field for him, so he would be aware of what was going on, on campus, and in the city, and in the state in that field. Just about the last time that I saw him and Paula at Madonna was a little recital one evening at Madonna, in the Chapel, by Paul Barnes, who is a professor of piano at Westbrook, and he and Paula were there. He was not doing too well, but he was still enjoying that music. And so I just...he and Paula were the kind of people that were always very friendly. Whether you knew them well or not, you felt, when you talked to them, that they cared about what you were