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county government. He has been an amazing individual, has been able to hold all those interests together from a variety of counties. I don't know how that's possible to do, and I'm sure that whoever will follow will find it a very difficult task. He's been able to master that with grace and elegance, and he's proud to be a former member of this body, and I'm proud to have him as a former member as well. I urge everyone to support the resolution. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Senator Vrtiska, followed by Senators Schrock, Dierks, Chambers, Wehrbein, Schimek and Cudaback. Senator Vrtiska.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. I would certainly be remiss if I didn't stand up for just a moment and tell you of my admiration for Jack Mills. Jack Mills came into the office of county officials, I was a part of that organization at that time, and as many of you probably don't remember, I am sure county officials do, it was a time when there was a lot of controversy and things developing. And Jack, through his energies and his efforts, smoothed the organization out and it has become now a very effective organization for the people of this state. It has been a pleasure of mine, over the years, to know Jack and his wife, Norma. They are stalwarts. They are people that are highly respected in a profession that sometimes is looked down on, but they have been...shown a great deal of attitude toward how this...how this organization should work, and certainly they are highly respected and I certainly appreciate their friendship over the years. And with that, thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Vrtiska. Senator Schrock.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I'm not going to say anything good about Jack Mills, but I am going to say something nice about Norma Mills. Norma is from Phelps County and, Dan, I don't know how you could be so fortunate to have her in your office this many years, but I'm going to miss walking down there and talking to Norma. She is just a good person. Thank you.