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states, we will move on to...Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, LR 79, offered by Senator Vrtiska, found on page 1508 of the Journal.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Vrtiska, to open on your resolution, LR 79.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. I just want to take a moment to honor a good longtime friend of mine, Colonel Barney Oldfield. Those of you who don't know Barney Oldfield, he was born in 1909 in Tecumseh and he went to school in the little town of Elk Creek and he graduated as the head of his class, which wasn't too difficult because there were only two in his class. At any rate, Colonel Oldfield graduated from the university with a...of Nebraska with a degree in journalism and he worked for the Lincoln Journal newspaper for a number of years and became a writer, a columnist, and a reviewer. And he was the first newspaper man to become a paratrooper and his career over the years took him to over 80 countries in this (sic) continent. He had a remarkable career as a public relations, and I have to tell you that he was a philanthropist who spent...who gave a great deal of money to causes that he believed in. His wife, Vada, was his wife for many years and she had developed Alzheimer's in her later years, and so he set up a research fund for the University of Nebraska, which is still ongoing. I just think that he was one of the people who set up the...or contributed to the Dollars for Scholars Program for...in the state of Nebraska, and I just think that those who didn't know him should have known him because he was a very generous person who contributed an awful lot of money to many causes in Nebraska, and for that reason I thought it was only fair for me to recognize his lifetime of efforts in Nebraska. Colonel Oldfield passed away a week...last week, and I just wanted to make sure that the people in this state remembered a man who had done as much as he's done in the accomplishments that he had and the philanthropic endeavors that he undertook. With that, Mr. President, I thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Vrtiska. You've heard the opening on LR 79. Open for discussion on that. Senator