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generations and realize that this huge pool of talent and ability is exemplified by what this woman had done, and she lost her life, apparently, in trying to do more. But the wreckage of this airplane proves that at one period in the history of the world a woman, who had done something before any other man had ever done it and was trying to accomplish something else that no woman had done, lost her life. But this wreckage proves that that really happened. So all of the women of whatever religion, political persuasion, race, language group, ethnicity, sexual orientation, and if somebody...if some people knew that Willa Cather was probably a lesbian, they'd be wanting to take her out of the Nebraska Hall of Fame. They didn't know that; a lot of things Nebraskans don't know. That's why I said sexual orientation. They should go there. They could light candles. They could write notes and leave them there. They could bring dolls, bouquets of flowers, articles of clothing, pieces of jewelry, anything that they felt they wanted to leave at that shrine to recognize what this woman had done and to try to keep alive the spirit that she manifested and walk away from there refreshed in their spirit, stirred in their minds, inspired in their hearts, and determined to show what women, as a united force, can do. Comprising a majority of the population of this country, there is no reason why women cannot seize political power and change this country; and by changing the most powerful country...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...in the world, changing the entire world; and by changing the world, altering the course of history. And it would be altered for the better because it cannot be any worse than it is now under the dominance of white men. Amelia Earhart is somebody who ought to be remembered and what I'm offering here is far less frivolous, even whimsical, than what the original LR 8CA would propose. So I hope you'll adopt my amendment. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. (Visitors introduced.) On with discussion of the Chambers amendment, FA37. Senator Schrock, followed by Senator Chambers.