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Following the lead of Senator Brashear, I'm not going to itemize in a laundry list all of the things that took place or even to try to highlight them that caused me to think as much of Senator Crosby as I do, but I wish her long life, good health, prosperity, and I think she will be a blessing to any and everybody who comes in contact with her. I'm not saying this next statement just because Senator Foley is here, but I sure wish Senator Crosby were here and I miss her deeply. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you, Mr. President and members. I rise in support of this resolution, and to say that I came into the Legislature with Senator Crosby and I miss her to this day. I still have conversations with her every once in a while. The thing that I really enjoyed about Senator Crosby is her sense of humor, and she could bring laughter to the Legislature sometimes on the most difficult occasions. But one thing that I would really like to note and to thank her for, and I don't know that I've ever done this publicly, but there was an issue at one point...and I should tell you that Senator Crosby and I weren't always eye to eye on issues, and as you all know she was very pro-life. She was...she believed strongly in her point of view, yet she always said to me, and I said back to her, you know, we are going to work through our differences and we are going to try to come to some common ground and some common understanding. So when the issue of the Women's Health Initiative came before the Legislature, it was Senator Crosby that I would give a great deal of credit to for helping that initiative become law, and the reason is that there was a lot of fear and speculation that the Women's Health Initiative had an agenda, that we were going to do something about promoting abortion or whatever, something that would have been anathema to many people on this floor. And Senator Crosby, as she often did, talked to her constituents, listened carefully to what people said, and came to the opinion that that wasn't the issue that we were talking about in the Women's Health Initiative, and she came on board and she supported that initiative and I believe she convinced a few of the other senators on the floor to do the same. And so I've