

have gone before. Even though I did not know Fern Hubbard Orme personally, she was a leader in her time. She was one of the early women legislators. She did serve on the City Council in Lincoln for ten years. She was from Senator "Cap" Dierks' district originally, from a little place called Opportunity, Nebraska. I don't know if that...if Opportunity is still there or not. And she was instrumental in the fight for the Equal Rights Amendment which, as some of you may remember from your history, did pass the Nebraska Legislature. I think Nebraska was maybe the second state to pass it and then it was rescinded at a later date. Fern Hubbard Orme served in the Legislature for 14 years. She received recognition in the form of a Nebraska Builders Award and the Addison E. Sheldon Award for her achievements in governmental affairs and education. With that, I would simply like to recommend this resolution in memory of Fern Hubbard Orme.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Senator Crosby.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Madam Chair, and members. Thank you, Senator Schimek, for originating this resolution. It's a sad pleasure, I will say, to support it and speak this morning about former Senator Fern Hubbard Orme. When I first moved to Lincoln...and I think Diana and I came in on the same...about the same time, she was my senator, and had left the Legislature the next year. So I am proud to follow in the footsteps of a woman like Fern Hubbard Orme in representing the 29th District. Before she was on the City Council and some of those other things, she was our teacher and she taught at Irving Junior High. And after she left the Legislature, I knew her in a community way because she was still active in a lot of community projects before she moved to Florida. And even after she moved to Florida she would come back to Lincoln and see her friends and I would be at a lunch or something for her and she was a real...a really interested person even then. She did not lose her interest in Nebraska politics and legislation. Quite often I would get a letter from her about things that she thought were pertinent and that she would like to see continue. The one thing that I was really unhappy about is that after she got the ERA amendment passed in Nebraska, the resolution to support it, then a man came along and got it rescinded and that made her feel really frustrated and a lot of the rest of us too who felt that that was the wrong thing to do, to rescind that action. So it is, as I say, a sad pleasure to support this resolution. But...and as we do this this morning, I know that Diana and the