

SENATOR DIERKS: Madam President, members of the body, the resolution I have before you today is one to offer and extend the sympathy of the Legislature to the family of Governor Mickelson who was recently killed in a plane crash in Iowa. He was on his way home from a conference with some meat packers, and he, of course, has been Governor of South Dakota, he's been a real friend of Nebraska, he's been a real friend of rural Neb...of rural United States. He has been especially a friend of some of the causes that I have had. He was very supportive of my Boyd County issue, with the nuclear waste site. He was very supportive of trying to help save the Chicago Northwestern Railway across northern Nebraska. I've been very pleased with his support, and I just would ask your approval in supporting this resolution to provide sympathy to his family. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Dierks. Senator Schellpeper.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Thank you, Madam Chairman and members. I also rise to support this resolution. I never had the privilege to meet Governor Mickelson, but he was always a very strong advocate and a very strong supporter of rural areas of, not only South Dakota, but the whole United States. I think he's going to be sorely missed, and I also offer my condolences to the family at this time and support this resolution. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Schellpeper. Senator Hillman.

SENATOR HILLMAN: Madam President, members, I, too, would rise in support of the resolution. There is a five-state tourism marketing consortium, called the Old West Trail Foundation, and Governor Mickelson was a leader in this effort and in tourism throughout the central part of the country. And through his leadership and cooperation with other states, I think Nebraska's tourism industry benefitted greatly. He was also very supportive of the Heartland Express, in looking at connecting South Dakota and Nebraska and Colorado, and I think his efforts always, in most cases anyway, benefitted the State of Nebraska. And I would ask that you join me today in a prayer for his family, that they would receive that peace that passes all understanding.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Hillman. Senator