HOUSE COMMEMORATION NO. 1014

Introduced by: Representatives Schafer, Boomgarden, Bradford, Elliott, Faehn, Fryslie, Garnos, Glenski, Hennies, Hills, Howie, Hunhoff, Jerke, Kraus, Krebs, Lange, McLaughlin, Michels, Nelson, Novstrup, O'Brien, Peters, Putnam, Rausch, Rave, Rhoden, Roberts, Rounds, Sigdestad, Tidemann, Turbiville, Van Norman, and Willadsen and Senators Nesselhuf, Bogue, Duenwald, Knudson, Kooistra, Olson (Ed), and Peterson (Jim)

A LEGISLATIVE COMMEMORATION, Honoring Gretchen Ludeman for her outstanding commitment and dedication to the field of teaching and to the youth of our state.

WHEREAS, Gretchen Ludeman received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Education from Southern College in Springfield and a Master's Degree in Education from the University of South Dakota; and

WHEREAS, Gretchen touched the lives of thousands of students as a teacher in the Vermillion School District for thirty-five years; and

WHEREAS, Gretchen was actively involved in the South Dakota Education Association and the National Education Association serving as a board member for the SDEA/SE Great Lakes Unit, the NEA director for South Dakota for six years, a member of the SDEA Executive Committee, and a member of the South Dakota Educators Political Involvement Committee and winning a lifetime achievement award in 2000; and

WHEREAS, Gretchen is lovingly remembered and dearly missed by her three children, Kathy, Rick, and Sally; her five grandchildren; and all her many friends and teaching colleagues at Vermillion Middle School:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT COMMEMORATED, by the Eightieth Legislature of the State of South Dakota, that Gretchen Ludeman be lovingly remembered and honored for her outstanding contribution to education in South Dakota.