

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 1001

A RESOLUTION, Honoring the life, achievements, and indomitable spirit of Doctor William O. Farber, Professor Emeritus of Political Science at the University of South Dakota.

WHEREAS, Doctor William O. Farber passed away on March 24th at the venerable age of ninety-six; and

WHEREAS, Doctor Farber, during the last seventy-two years, forged a career in public service in South Dakota so extensive, unique, multifaceted, and pervasive that it is not an exaggeration to say that no other South Dakotan will ever duplicate it; and

WHEREAS, Doctor Farber possessed the extraordinary capacity to blend a distinguished, traditional academic career with continuous public service at the state, national, and municipal levels; and

WHEREAS, Doctor Farber literally wrote the book on South Dakota government, his text "*Government of South Dakota*" being the ultimate civics textbook for generations of South Dakotans; and

WHEREAS, Doctor Farber's impish, but winning, personality captivated everyone that he came in contact with from the lowliest University of South Dakota freshman to the most powerful Washington powerbrokers; and

WHEREAS, Doctor Farber never forgot a student, colleague, or public servant whose acquaintance he had once made nor did anyone who had fallen under the spell of Farbs' engaging charm ever forget him; and

WHEREAS, Doctor Farber, who never had a family of his own, was surrogate father to an extended family of thousands of "Farber boys" whose careers he guided and facilitated, taking great pride in their accomplishments and advancements, especially if they chose the field of public service; and

WHEREAS, of all South Dakota institutions, the Legislature owes a special debt of gratitude to Doctor Farber, who, in a major initiative to modernize and professionalize the South Dakota Legislature, founded the Legislative Research Council and served as its first director and principal staff from 1951 to 1955, and who continued to exert a benevolent influence over the LRC and the

legislative process for decades:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives of the Eighty-second Legislature of the State of South Dakota, that all South Dakotans join the Legislature in celebrating the life, personality, and career of Doctor William O. Farber; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Executive Board of the Legislative Research Council be directed to acquire a bust, portrait, or other suitable memorial of Doctor Farber for display in the Legislative Research Council offices or in an appropriate legislative area of the State Capitol.

Adopted by the House of Representatives,

March 26, 2007

Thomas J. Deadrick
Speaker of the House

Karen Gerdes
Chief Clerk of the House