



2022 South Dakota Legislature

Senate Commemoration 812

Introduced by: **Senators** Schoenfish, Hunhoff, Nesiba, Schoenbeck, V. J. Smith, Steinhauer, Wiik, and Zikmund and **Representatives** Kent Peterson, Bartels, Barthel, Bordeaux, Cwach, Duba, Finck, Olson, Overweg, Perry, Pourier, Jamie Smith, and Stevens

1 **A LEGISLATIVE COMMEMORATION, Honoring the city of Tabor, South Dakota on its**
 2 **one hundred fiftieth anniversary.**

3 WHEREAS, Tabor is in the northeast quarter of section 23, township 94, range 58 and is
 4 located three hundred and forty miles southeast of Rapid City, eighty-four miles southwest of
 5 Sioux Falls, eighty miles northwest of Sioux City, Iowa, seventy-five miles northwest of
 6 Norfolk, Nebraska, sixty-five miles southeast of Mitchell, eighteen miles northwest of Yankton,
 7 and eleven miles southeast of Tyndall; and

8 WHEREAS, the area surrounding Tabor consists of rolling land with river and creek bluffs,
 9 its soil is a productive black loam, and its chief products are agriculture-related, including
 10 vegetables and fruits; and

11 WHEREAS, most of the citizens in and near Tabor were originally of southern Bohemia,
 12 Czech Republic, or Slovakian descent, and were predominantly Roman Catholic, with
 13 occupations that revolved around the agriculture industry; and

14 WHEREAS, Tabor Elementary School K-5 is part of the Bon Homme School District and is
 15 located north of St. Wenceslaus Church. St. Wenceslaus Church is one hundred and fifty years
 16 old and the church building is one hundred and twenty years old and adjoins the historical
 17 cemetery; and

18 WHEREAS, Tabor boasts of having three public parks including Leonard Cimpl Park, Takota
 19 Park, and Vancura Memorial Park that includes the Czech Heritage pioneer mini-village; Tabor
 20 also affords a unique experience to view all handcrafted items at the Blachnick Museum; and

21 WHEREAS, all of Tabor's streets are hard-surfaced and the town has an underground water
 22 storage tank that receives water from the B-Y Rural Water District located southeast of Tabor
 23 that receives water from Lewis and Clark Lake. Bon Homme Yankton Electric Association

1 located in Tabor provides electricity and internet to the town. Local telephone service from
2 Tabor to Tyndall and from Tabor to Yankton is available with the internet, and cable TV service
3 is provided by Ft. Randall Telephone Service; and

4 WHEREAS, Tabor celebrates its founding ethnic heritage each year with a celebration
5 drawing thousands of people for Czech Days. Tabor will also celebrate its sesquicentennial on
6 Saturday, April 23, 2022, with many events planned:

7 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT COMMEMORATED, by the Ninety-Seventh Legislature of the
8 State of South Dakota, that the town of Tabor, South Dakota be honored for one hundred and
9 fifty years of existence and its service to the people who have lived in or have been associated
10 with this community.