

SENATE COMMEMORATION NO. 16

Introduced by: Senators Kloucek, Bartling, Duenwald, Garnos, Greenfield, Hunhoff, Maher, Olson (Ed), and Smidt (Orville) and Representatives Putnam, Bradford, Cutler, Deadrick, Elliott, Feinstein, Glenski, Hills, Lucas, Novstrup (Al), Nygaard, Rausch, Rounds, Sigdestad, Thompson, and Van Norman

A LEGISLATIVE COMMEMORATION, Recognizing 2007 as the Year of the Coaches at Scotland High School.

WHEREAS, Gary Pepper was named the 2007 Track Coach of the Year upon leading the Scotland Boys' Track Team to runner-up status at the 2007 Boys' State Track Meet in Sioux Falls. Mr. Pepper led the Scotland Girls' Cross Country Team to runner-up status at the 2007 Girls' State Track Meet in Huron and was also named the 2007 Girls' Cross Country Coach of the Year. Mr. Pepper has committed more than thirty years to high school coaching; and

WHEREAS, Bob Graham led Scotland to back-to-back championships in class 9A football for 2006 and 2007, and Scotland's football record for the last five years has been 41 wins and 12 losses. Mr. Graham has been supported by an excellent group of assistant coaches and junior high coaches; and

WHEREAS, Tom Schlimgen brought the Scotland High School Boys' Basketball Team to its 400th victory on December 11, 2007. Mr. Schlimgen has been the head boys' basketball coach in Scotland since 1979 and has coached winning teams for twenty-four of the past twenty-eight years:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT COMMEMORATED, by the Eighty-Third Legislature of the State of South Dakota, that 2007 be recognized as the Year of the Coaches at Scotland High School.

