

SENATE COMMEMORATION NO. 24

Introduced by: Senators Haverly, Bolin, Cammack, Cronin, Ewing, Frerichs, Jensen (Phil), Kolbeck, Langer, Maher, Monroe, Otten (Ernie), Partridge, Peters, Rusch, Soholt, Solano, Stalzer, Sutton, Tidemann, White, and Wiik and Representatives Tieszen, Campbell, DiSanto, Frye-Mueller, Howard, Hunhoff, Johns, Johnson, McPherson, Reed, and Turbiville

A LEGISLATIVE COMMEMORATION, Commending Heather Wilson on her nomination for Secretary of the United States Air Force and honoring her service to South Dakota.

WHEREAS, Heather Wilson earned her Bachelor of Science degree from the United States Air Force Academy in the third class to include women and completed her master's and doctoral degrees as a Rhodes Scholar at Oxford University in England; and

WHEREAS, after service in Europe as an Air Force officer during the cold war, Heather Wilson served on the National Security Council staff under President George H. W. Bush; and

WHEREAS, Heather Wilson served in the United States Congress from 1998 to 2009, where she was senior member of the House Energy and Commerce Committee and chaired the House Subcommittee on Technical and Tactical Intelligence; and

WHEREAS, as president of South Dakota School of Mines, one of the nation's top engineering and science universities, she has established new academic programs, increased research, grown enrollment, secured critical infrastructure investments, deepened a connection between the university and the community, and improved financial management; and

WHEREAS, Heather Wilson's nomination to serve as Secretary of the United States Air Force by President Donald J. Trump recognizes her distinguished military service and exceptional level of knowledge and success; and

WHEREAS, her nomination lends particular honor and credit to the State of South Dakota and



to the system of public higher education in the Rushmore State:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT COMMEMORATED, by the Ninety-Second Legislature of the State of South Dakota, that the South Dakota Legislature honors and salutes Heather Wilson for her dedicated service to the State of South Dakota and offers all good wishes as she moves through the federal confirmation process.