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HOUSE COMMEMORATION NO. 1008

Introduced by: Representatives Duba, Barthel, Bordeaux, Borglum, Brunner, Chaffee, Cwach, Dennert, Diedrich, Duvall, Frye-Mueller, Glanzer, Goodwin, Hansen, Haugaard, Healy, Jensen (Kevin), Johns, Johnson (Chris), Johnson (David), Lesmeister, Marty, McCleerey, Perry, Peterson (Kent), Post, Qualm, Reed, Ring, Rounds, Saba, Smith (Jamie), St John, Sullivan, Weis, Wiese, Willadsen, and York and Senators Heinert, Blare, DiSanto, Jensen (Phil), Nelson, Nesiba, Smith (VJ), Steinhauer, Wismer, and Youngberg

A LEGISLATIVE COMMEMORATION, Recognizing February as Black History Month and South Dakota's rich history of African American achievements.

WHEREAS, the first African American who laid foot in South Dakota was York, who participated in the Lewis and Clark expedition; and

WHEREAS, Sarah "Aunt Sally" Campbell was the first African American woman to own property and an independent business in South Dakota, when she discovered gold in the Black Hills and subsequently owned a half dozen mining claims and became a successful entrepreneur; and

WHEREAS, Cleveland Abbott was born in Yankton, graduated from high school in Watertown with sixteen varsity letters, graduated from South Dakota State College, now South Dakota State University, with fourteen varsity letters, was a football head coach at Tuskegee University for thirty-two seasons, served in World War I, and coached the first two African American gold medal winners; and

WHEREAS, Leonard "Bud" Williams, served in World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War, served as Director of Student Activities at the Mitchell Vocational Institute, as a Mitchell city council member, and as mayor of Mitchell; and

WHEREAS, the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., graced Sioux Falls, South Dakota, with his presence during the civil rights era; and

WHEREAS, Kenny Anderson, Sr., was the first and, so far only, black city commissioner for the city of Sioux Falls and has a park and community center in the city named for him; and

WHEREAS, Emma Armstrong who lived to be 102, lived in Sioux Falls since 1945, touched the lives of many of the people mentioned here, including Porter Williams, Kenny Anderson, Bud Williams, and Martin Luther King, Jr. among many others and dedicated her life

to community service:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT COMMEMORATED, by the Ninety-Fourth Legislature of the State of South Dakota, that the Legislature of the State of South Dakota commends and recognizes the deep history of African Americans in our great state and honors them throughout the month of February, Black History Month, and the rest of the year.