SENATE COMMEMORATION NO. 31

Introduced by: Senators Otten (Ernie), Heinert, Kennedy, Stalzer, and Steinhauer and Representatives Otten (Herman), Deutsch, Johns, Latterell, and Qualm

A LEGISLATIVE COMMEMORATION, Honoring and commending Jaelyn Morehead on being recognized as Tea Area's first National Merit Finalist.

WHEREAS, National Merit Finalists include less than one percent of United States high school seniors; and

WHEREAS, the selection as a National Merit Finalist is based on a qualifying PSAT score, an outstanding academic record, a recommendation from their school, an essay, and a confirming SAT score; and

WHEREAS, the National Merit Scholarship Program is an academic competition for recognition and college scholarships that began in 1955 and has one million six hundred thousand entrants annually; and

WHEREAS, Jaelyn Morehead has shown exemplary performance, outstanding character, leadership, loyalty, dedication, and commitment to her academic career and community:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT COMMEMORATED, by the Ninety-Fourth Legislature of the State of South Dakota, that the Legislature commends and honors Jaelyn Morehead on being recognized as Tea Area's first National Merit Finalist.