

HOUSE COMMEMORATION NO. 1013

Introduced by: Representatives Miskimins, Anderson, Bartels, Brunner, Chaffee, Chase, Deutsch, Duba, Duvall, Finck, Glanzer, Greenfield (Lana), Gross, Johns, Johnson (Chris), Koth, Lake, Livermont, Marty, Milstead, Mulally, Olson, Perry, Peterson (Sue), Pischke, Rasmussen, Reimer, Ring, Rounds, Steele, Weis, Wiese, Willadsen, and York and Senators Blare, Jensen (Phil), Nelson, Stalzer, Steinhauer, and Wismer

A LEGISLATIVE COMMEMORATION, Honoring and commending Dr. David E. Peterson for his outstanding service in the field of dentistry to patients in South Dakota.

WHEREAS, in 1976, Dr. David E. Peterson joined the staff of the state entity now named the South Dakota Developmental Center (SDDC) in Redfield, South Dakota; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Peterson received his Doctor of Dental Surgery (DDS) degree in 1972 and completed his residency in general practice in June 1973. He then joined the staff of the Royal Dental Hospital and the faculty of the University of Melbourne School of Dentistry in Melbourne, Australia; and

WHEREAS, after coming to South Dakota, Dr. Peterson soon developed relationships with the University of Nebraska, Creighton University, the University of South Dakota, and Lake Area Technical Institute as a connecting bridge to bring students to the SDDC for rotations; and

WHEREAS, in 1981, Dr. Peterson took a year long leave of absence to volunteer as the Director of Dental Surgery Services at Protestant Hospital in Sudan Mission, Ngaoundere, Cameroon; and

WHEREAS, after returning to the SDDC in September 1982, Dr. Peterson continued his work with the patients at the center, transitioning to part-time work in recent years. For thirty-four years, Dr. Peterson has taken vacation time to complete dental screenings for Northeast South Dakota Head Start; and



WHEREAS, Dr. Peterson served one term as president of the Association of Institutional Dentists and has received the South Dakota College of Dentists Outstanding Dentist Award and the South Dakota Dental Association's GOLD Tooth Award, Presidential Award, and Humanitarian Award; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Peterson has been dedicated and humble in performing incredible service for patients with additional and complex care needs:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT COMMEMORATED, by the Ninety-Fourth Legislature of the State of South Dakota, that the Legislature commends and honors Dr. David E. Peterson for his dedication to the South Dakota Developmental Center and the field of dentistry in South Dakota.