SENATE COMMEMORATION   NO. **48**

Introduced by: Senators Nelson, Curd, DiSanto, Ewing, Greenfield (Brock), Heinert, Jensen (Phil), Partridge, Russell, Smith (VJ), Solano, Stalzer, Steinhauer, and Sutton and Representatives Borglum, Diedrich, Finck, Frye-Mueller, Goodwin, Gross, Howard, Jensen (Kevin), Johnson (Chris), Johnson (David), Koth, Lesmeister, Marty, McCleerey, Mulally, Peterson (Sue), Pourier, Randolph, Ring, and Zikmund

A LEGISLATIVE COMMEMORATION, Celebrating the accomplishments and hard work of the annual award winners of the 28th Bomb Wing at Ellsworth Air Force Base

WHEREAS, John Hopple was selected as Civilian Volunteer of the Year and organized a two-day state trappers convention raising eleven thousand dollars for twelve association, youth, and educational programs; and

WHEREAS, Mounika Sessions was selected as Spouse of the Year and organized meals for the fiance, family, and friends of a squadron member who had passed away; and

WHEREAS, Officer Robert Ryback was selected as Civilian Category One of the Year and was called to two major vehicle collisions and reconstructed the scenarios, which resulted in both cases being resolved; and

WHEREAS, Barry Hayes was selected as Civilian Category Two of the Year and served as the Mental Health program manager where he conducted fourteen suicidal ideation triages and tracked seventy-eight men, two thousand visits, and forty-five hospitalizations, which prevented suicides and reduced critical care; and

WHEREAS, David Garrett created the 28th Bomb Wing B-1 Flying Hour Program, enabling the execution of three thousand four hundred fifty-eight flight hours and seven hundred ninety-nine training flights, and contributed to the first combat use of the Joint Air-to-Surface Standoff Missile:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT COMMEMORATED, by the Ninety-Fourth Legislature of the State of South Dakota, that these exceptional airmen and family members be recognized for their outstanding service in support of the 28th Bomb Wing mission of providing airpower - anytime, anywhere.