



2020 South Dakota Legislature

Senate Commemoration 829

*Introduced by: **Senators** Heinert, Ewing, and Nesiba and **Representatives** Duba and Herman Otten*

1 **A LEGISLATIVE COMMEMORATION, Making John McBeth an honorary South**
 2 **Dakotan.**

3 WHEREAS, John McBeth was born in Kingman, Kansas, on October 2, 1940. He was raised
 4 and educated in Kingman. After attending college on a rodeo scholarship, he competed in
 5 rodeos across the United States and Canada. Though he competed in many rodeos, the ones
 6 in South Dakota always had a special place in his heart; and

7 WHEREAS, not only did McBeth compete, but he won rodeos in Rapid City, Aberdeen,
 8 Sioux Falls, Huron, and Pierre. Beyond South Dakota, he won the world championship in bronc
 9 riding in 1970. He qualified for the prestigious, national, PRCA rodeo eleven times. Of the
 10 eleven times he qualified, ten were consecutive; and

11 WHEREAS, during his tenure, McBeth hosted multiple bronc riding schools across South
 12 Dakota. The most famous school he created was located in Onida, South Dakota; and

13 WHEREAS, this school has produced several notable alumni, including: Gumbo Lamb, Tom
 14 Reeves, Robert Etbauer, Tom Miller, Shorty Garrett, and Billy Etbauer. Three of his students
 15 went on to be world champions, each of whom was trained in South Dakota; and

16 WHEREAS, John McBeth's life has exemplified that of a true South Dakotan. He is
 17 tenacious, hardworking, and his love for horses and animals is admirable; and

18 WHEREAS, John McBeth is a Kansan by birth, but he has identified with South Dakota in
 19 his heart and mind for over fifty years;

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT COMMEMORATED, by the Ninety-Fifth Legislature of the State
 21 of South Dakota, that the Legislature makes John McBeth an honorary South Dakotan.