South Dakota Legislature

Senate Commemoration 829

Introduced by: ***Senators*** *Heinert, Ewing, Nesiba, and Novstrup and* ***Representatives*** *Bordeaux, Duba, Herman Otten, and Jamie Smith*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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