

# State of South Dakota

## EIGHTY-FOURTH SESSION LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, 2009

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### HOUSE COMMEMORATION NO. 1010

Introduced by: Representatives Lederman, Bolin, Boomgarden, Brunner, Dennert, Faehn, Feinstein, Frerichs, Gosch, Hunhoff (Bernie), Lust, McLaughlin, Noem, Nygaard, Olson (Betty), Pitts, Rausch, and Steele and Senators Knudson, Dempster, Gray, Hanson (Gary), Heidepriem, and Rhoden

A LEGISLATIVE COMMEMORATION, Commending and honoring Eldon and Regina Roth for their outstanding efforts to increase the value of beef in the United States, for their entrepreneurial spirit, and for their commitment to excellence.

WHEREAS, Eldon Roth returned to his roots in South Dakota at age forty-five after spending many successful years in California in the field of refrigeration technology and founded Beef Products Incorporated (BPI), headquartered in Dakota Dunes, South Dakota, in 1981, and has since built processing plants in Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska, and Texas; and

WHEREAS, Eldon Roth developed a pioneering method for producing ninety-five percent lean beef from fatty beef trimmings that would otherwise have little value, and Eldon, with no formal engineering education or training, conceived or customized almost all of the equipment in his company's plants for which he holds over a thousand U.S. patents; and

WHEREAS, BPI, under the direction of Eldon and Regina, is the world's leading manufacturer of boneless lean beef with its product found in the majority of all ground beef produced in the United States, and its success is due in no small part to Eldon and Regina's futuristic outlook, willingness to change, unwavering dedication to food safety and to creating a quality product, and to Eldon's tremendous ability to innovate and customize sophisticated production procedures:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT COMMEMORATED, by the Eighty-fourth Legislature of the State of South Dakota, that Eldon and Regina Roth be commended and honored for their outstanding efforts to increase the value of beef in the United States, for their entrepreneurial spirit, and for their commitment to excellence.