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HOUSE COMMEMORATION NO. **1006**

Introduced by: Representatives Diedrich (Larry), Brooks, Cerny, Hunt, Roe, Smidt, Solum, and Weber and Senators Halverson, Benson, Brown (Arnold), and Lawler

A LEGISLATIVE COMMEMORATION, Honoring the memory of Captain Arlo L. Olson.

WHEREAS, among the thousands of sterling young men that South Dakota proudly offered to the Allied Cause in World War II, no one distinguished himself more or served his state and nation better than Captain Arlo L. Olson of Toronto; and

WHEREAS, Captain Olson's conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty in a series of daring and daunting assaults on fascist fortifications in Italy in October, 1943, both claimed his heroic life and garnered, most deservedly, the Congressional Medal of Honor; and

WHEREAS, Captain Olson's refusal to accept medical attention for his fatal wounds until all of his men had been cared for exemplifies his noble character as a comrade and a man:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT COMMEMORATED, by the Seventy-fourth Legislature of the State of South Dakota, that the residents and past residents of Toronto who formerly bore the heavy loss of their fellow townsman and who are currently endeavoring to finance and erect a memorial as a fitting tribute to this outstanding son of South Dakota receive from the humble hearts of this Legislature our sincerest gratitude.