

## HOUSE COMMEMORATION NO. 1006

Introduced by: Representatives Hennies (Thomas), Adelstein, Derby, Duniphan, Eccarius, McCoy, Napoli, and Van Etten and Senators Ham, Madden, McCracken, and Whiting

A LEGISLATIVE COMMEMORATION, Commending and honoring Rapid Valley Elementary School, Rapid City, South Dakota, as the only South Dakota school to receive national recognition for "*Schools that have Significantly Changed - Schools for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Award.*"

WHEREAS, the winners of this prestigious national award were selected by a blue ribbon selection committee involving notable principals, superintendents, university faculty, foundation officials, and change agents from the worlds of business, the arts, nonprofit corporations, and government; and

WHEREAS, Rapid Valley Elementary School met all sixteen research-based criteria in each of the four quadrants of significant change:

How meaningful is the change? Is it substantial rather than superficial?  
How deep and broad is the change? Is it systemic, rather than isolated?  
How is the change focused? Is it student centered, looking at teaching and learning?  
How is it measured? Is it solution or outcome oriented; and

WHEREAS, Rapid Valley Elementary School was selected as one of the top nine recipients in the United States for schools for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century that have significantly changed:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT COMMEMORATED, by the Seventy-sixth Legislature of the State of South Dakota, that Rapid Valley Elementary School has mastered the enormous challenge of bringing about significant change; and that effort has made the school more relevant, meaningful, and successful for the students it serves.