

HOUSE COMMEMORATION NO. 1005

Introduced by: Representatives Heineman, Ahlers, Boomgarden, Bradford, Brunner, Buckingham, Carson, Cutler, Davis, Deadrick, Dennert, DeVries, Dreyer, Dykstra, Elliott, Engels, Faehn, Feinstein, Gassman, Gillespie, Gilson, Glenski, Hackl, Halverson, Hanks, Hargens, Haverly, Hills, Howie, Hunt, Jerke, Juhnke, Kirkeby, Koistinen, Krebs, Lucas, Lust, McLaughlin, Miles, Moore, Nelson, Noem, Novstrup (Al), Novstrup (David), Nygaard, Olson (Betty), Olson (Russell), Olson (Ryan), Pederson (Gordon), Peters, Pitts, Putnam, Rausch, Rave, Rhoden, Rounds, Sigdestad, Steele, Street, Thompson, Tidemann, Turbiville, Van Etten, Van Norman, Vanneman, Vehle, Weems, Wick, and Willadsen and Senators Olson (Ed), Abdallah, Albers, Apa, Bartling, Dempster, Duenwald, Gant, Garnos, Gray, Greenfield, Hansen (Tom), Hanson (Gary), Hauge, Heidepriem, Hoerth, Hundstad, Hunhoff, Jerstad, Katus, Kloucek, Knudson, Lintz, Maher, McCracken, McNenny, Napoli, Nesselhuf, Peterson (Jim), Schmidt (Dennis), Smidt (Orville), Sutton, Turbak, and Two Bulls

A LEGISLATIVE COMMEMORATION, Congratulating and honoring Dr. Rick Melmer on his election as President-Elect of the Council of Chief State School Officers.

WHEREAS, the Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO) is a national organization comprised of the public officials who lead state departments of elementary and secondary education that provides leadership and advocacy on major education issues; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Rick Melmer, the new President-Elect of the CCSSO, has, since August 2003, served as the secretary of the Department of Education, and during that time, has led the department with great vision, intelligence, and enthusiasm in meeting challenges such as complying with No Child Left Behind, working to develop and promote the Governor's 2010 Education Initiative, and working to enhance the services provided by the department; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Rick Melmer is a life-long educator, a teacher, an administrator, and someone who has worked tirelessly and been a true advocate for children throughout his career in education:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT COMMEMORATED, by the Eighty-second Legislature of the State of South Dakota, that Dr. Rick Melmer be congratulated and honored on his recent election to the

office of President-Elect of the Council of Chief State School Officers.