

State of South Dakota

EIGHTY-SECOND SESSION LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, 2007

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 1001

Introduced by: Representatives Deadrick, Ahlers, Boomgarden, Bradford, Brunner, Buckingham, Burg, Carson, Cutler, Davis, Dennert, DeVries, Dykstra, Elliott, Engels, Faehn, Feinstein, Gassman, Gillespie, Gilson, Glenski, Halverson, Hanks, Hargens, Haverly, Heineman, 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

1 A RESOLUTION, Honoring the life, achievements, and indomitable spirit of Doctor William
2 O. Farber, Professor Emeritus of Political Science at the University of South Dakota.

3 WHEREAS, Doctor William O. Farber passed away on March 24th at the venerable age of
4 ninety-six; and

5 WHEREAS, Doctor Farber, during the last seventy-two years, forged a career in public
6 service in South Dakota so extensive, unique, multifaceted, and pervasive that it is not an
7 exaggeration to say that no other South Dakotan will ever duplicate it; and

8 WHEREAS, Doctor Farber possessed the extraordinary capacity to blend a distinguished,
9 traditional academic career with continuous public service at the state, national, and municipal
10 levels; and

11 WHEREAS, Doctor Farber literally wrote the book on South Dakota government, his text



1 *"Government of South Dakota"* being the ultimate civics textbook for generations of South
2 Dakotans; and

3 WHEREAS, Doctor Farber's impish, but winning, personality captivated everyone that he
4 came in contact with from the lowliest University of South Dakota freshman to the most
5 powerful Washington powerbrokers; and

6 WHEREAS, Doctor Farber never forgot a student, colleague, or public servant whose
7 acquaintance he had once made nor did anyone who had fallen under the spell of Farbs'
8 engaging charm ever forget him; and

9 WHEREAS, Doctor Farber, who never had a family of his own, was surrogate father to an
10 extended family of thousands of "Farber boys" whose careers he guided and facilitated, taking
11 great pride in their accomplishments and advancements, especially if they chose the field of
12 public service; and

13 WHEREAS, of all South Dakota institutions, the Legislature owes a special debt of gratitude
14 to Doctor Farber, who, in a major initiative to modernize and professionalize the South Dakota
15 Legislature, founded the Legislative Research Council and served as its first director and
16 principal staff from 1951 to 1955, and who continued to exert a benevolent influence over the
17 LRC and the legislative process for decades:

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives of the Eighty-
19 second Legislature of the State of South Dakota, that all South Dakotans join the Legislature in
20 celebrating the life, personality, and career of Doctor William O. Farber; and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Executive Board of the Legislative Research
22 Council be directed to acquire a bust, portrait, or other suitable memorial of Doctor Farber for
23 display in the Legislative Research Council offices or in an appropriate legislative area of the
24 State Capitol.