

SENATE COMMEMORATION NO. 23

Introduced by: Senators Greenfield (Brock), Bolin, Cronin, Curd, Ewing, Frerichs, Haverly, Heinert, Jensen (Phil), Kennedy, Killer, Klumb, Kolbeck, Langer, Maher, Monroe, Nelson, Nesiba, Netherton, Novstrup, Otten (Ernie), Partridge, Peters, Rusch, Russell, Soholt, Solano, Stalzer, Sutton, Tapio, Tidemann, White, Wiik, and Youngberg and Representatives Rhoden and Brunner

A LEGISLATIVE COMMEMORATION, Honoring Senator Gary Cammack and his wife Amy for receiving the Olin Sims Conservation Leadership Award in January of 2017.

WHEREAS, the annual award was created in 2007 by the National Association of Conservation Districts and the Natural Resource Conservation Service, following the death of Olin Sims, based on the merit of conservation of land, a merit Sims showed his whole life; and

WHEREAS, both Gary and Amy Cammack have gone above and beyond the call for conservation and stewardship of the land and the encouragement of civic engagement; and

WHEREAS, both are heavily active in their community of Union Center, South Dakota, and Senator Gary Cammack has worked for South Dakota Legislature and currently sits as the chairman of the Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Cammack family has previously been recognized for their conservation efforts through awards such as The South Dakota Society of Range Management's Excellence in Range Award, the National Cattleman's Beef Association's Region 7 Environmental Stewardship Award, and were finalists for the highly competitive South Dakota Leopold Conservation Award in 2011, 2012, 2015, and 2016; and

WHEREAS, the Cammacks have reached out to the younger generations, educating them on the importance of conservation and have held several educational events such as the World Wildlife Fund's Regional Advisory Panel in 2012 and the South Dakota Grassland Coalition's Annual Bird Tour of 2014:



NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT COMMEMORATED, by the Ninety-Second Legislature of the State of South Dakota, that the Legislature honors both Gary and Amy Cammack for their exemplary conservation efforts, for being great role models for younger generations, and for receiving the prestigious Olin Sims Conservation Leadership Award.