

SENATE COMMEMORATION NO. 13

Introduced by: Senators de Hueck, Albers, Apa, Bogue, Brosz, Brown (Arnold), Cradduck, Daugaard, Dennert, Diedrich (Larry), Diedtrich (Elmer), Drake, Duxbury, Everist, Greenfield, Hagen, Ham, Hutmacher, Kleven, Koetzle, Koskan, Madden, McCracken, McIntyre, Moore, Munson, Olson (Ed), Putnam, Reedy, Staggers, Sutton (Dan), Symens, Vitter, Volesky, and Whiting and Representatives Garnos, Abdallah, Adelstein, Bartling, Begalka, Bradford, Broderick, Brown (Jarvis), Brown (Richard), Burg, Clark, Davis, Derby, Duenwald, Duniphan, Eccarius, Elliott, Flowers, Frost, Fryslie, Gillespie, Glenski, Hansen (Tom), Hanson (Gary), Hargens, Heineman, Hennies (Don), Hennies (Thomas), Holbeck, Hundstad, Hunhoff, Jaspers, Jensen, Juhnke, Klaudt, Kloucek, Koistinen, Konold, Kooistra, Lange, Lintz, Madsen, McCaulley, McCoy, Michels, Monroe, Murschel, Nachtigal, Napoli, Nesselhuf, Olson (Mel), Pederson (Gordon), Peterson (Bill), Peterson (Jim), Pitts, Pummel, Rhoden, Richter, Sebert, Sigdestad, Slaughter, Smidt, Solum, Sutton (Duane), Teupel, Valandra, Van Etten, Van Gerpen, Van Norman, and Wick

A LEGISLATIVE COMMEMORATION, Honoring Dawn Morris of Pierre on her selection as National Mother of the Year.

WHEREAS, Jean "Dawn" Morris of Pierre, South Dakota, was named National Mother of the Year at the 66th annual American Mothers Convention by American Mothers, Inc., a multi-faith organization dedicated to preserving the moral and spiritual foundations of the family in America. American Mothers, Inc. promotes educational, cultural, and spiritual programs for mothers of all ages and is recognized as the official sponsor of Mothers Day each year. Dawn was sponsored for this award by St. Mary's Foundation and Bankwest of Pierre; and

WHEREAS, Dawn Morris has been a religious education instructor for 29 years and a lay minister for 16 years. She was the first woman to serve as president of the Pierre Economic Development Corporation, was elected president of the Pierre Chamber of Commerce in 1986, is past president of the South Dakota Manufactured Housing Association, and is a board member of the South Dakota Chamber of Commerce and Industry. In 2000, she organized and coordinated the first Habitat for Humanity Ladies Build in Pierre; and

WHEREAS, Dawn Morris is the mother of five children and grandmother of two girls. She works with her husband Milton as Human Resources Director of their family-owned business. Before this she was a nurse for 22 years. Dawn's family, faith, and community are her passions. She is richly deserving of this award:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT COMMEMORATED, by the Seventy-seventh Legislature of the State of South Dakota, that Dawn Morris of Pierre, South Dakota, is to be honored and congratulated for her selection as National Mother of the Year for 2001.