

SENATE COMMEMORATION NO. 12

Introduced by: Senators Garnos, Abdallah, Adelstein, Ahlers, Bartling, Bradford, Brown, Dempster, Fryslie, Gant, Gillespie, Gray, Hansen (Tom), Hanson (Gary), Haverly, Heidepriem, Howie, Hundstad, Hunhoff (Jean), Jerstad, Kloucek, Knudson, Maher, Merchant, Miles, Nelson, Nesselhuf, Novstrup (Al), Olson (Russell), Peterson, Rhoden, Schmidt, Tieszen, Turbak Berry, and Vehle and Representatives Iron Cloud III, Blake, Bolin, Boomgarden, Brunner, Burg, Carson, Cronin, Curd, Cutler, Deadrick, Dennert, Dreyer, Engels, Faehn, Fargen, Feickert, Feinstein, Gibson, Gosch, Greenfield, Hamiel, Hoffman, Hunhoff (Bernie), Hunt, Jensen, Juhnke, Killer, Kirkeby, Kopp, Lange, Lederman, Lucas, Lust, McLaughlin, Moser, Noem, Novstrup (David), Nygaard, Olson (Betty), Olson (Ryan), Peters, Pitts, Putnam, Rausch, Rave, Romkema, Rounds, Russell, Schlekeway, Schrempp, Sly, Solberg, Solum, Sorenson, Steele, Street, Thompson, Tidemann, Turbiville, Van Gerpen, Vanderlinde, Vanneman, Verchio, Wink, and Wismer

A LEGISLATIVE COMMEMORATION, Honoring Chairman Michael Jandreau of the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe for his dedication and lifelong service to his tribe, state, and nation.

WHEREAS, Michael B. Jandreau was born on October 20, 1943, and was raised on the Lower Brule Sioux Reservation. He attended St. Joseph Indian School in Chamberlain, South Dakota, and is a graduate of the Immaculate Conception Indian High School in Stephan, South Dakota. He married Jacqueline Langdeau in 1964 and they had nine children; and

WHEREAS, Chairman Jandreau in the 1960s began his own ranching operation. Since then he has turned what began with a few head of cattle and a plot of land into a successful family-run operation, in partnership with his wife and children; and

WHEREAS, Chairman Jandreau began his political career in 1972 when he was elected as vice chairman of the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe. He was subsequently elected to the position of tribal chairman and is entering his thirtieth year as chairman of the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe. He was



reelected in 2008; and

WHEREAS, Chairman Jandreau has presided over a host of developmental projects and activities during his tenure as chairman of the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe. These include Lakota Foods and the Lower Brule Farm Corporation, producing cattle, bison, beef and bison products, popcorn, edible beans, and soybeans. Lakota Foods is one of the largest popcorn producers in the United States. Other enterprises and innovations during Chairman Jandreau's administration include the Buffalo Interpretive Center, inclusion on the Native American Scenic Byway, tourism development, establishment of the Golden Buffalo Casino, and many others:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT COMMEMORATED, by the Eighty-fourth Legislature of the State of South Dakota, that the Legislature commends and honors Chairman Michael B. Jandreau of the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe for his many years of dedicated and innovative service to his tribe, state, and nation and for his steadfast devotion to his principles and to the well-being of his community.