

SENATE COMMEMORATION NO. 21

Introduced by: Senators Hunhoff (Jean) and Kloucek and Representatives Van Gerpen, Hunhoff (Bernie), Moser, and Putnam

A LEGISLATIVE COMMEMORATION, Commending the outstanding efforts of William and Sharon Ratzlaff of Freeman, South Dakota, in offering generous, compassionate, and selfless foster and adopted child care service for the past forty-three years.

WHEREAS, since November 1966, William and Sharon have provided a caring home for children of all ages with and without complex medical and emotional issues to transition into adoptive homes or return to birth parents; and

WHEREAS, William and Sharon continue to make their home available to their foster children even after they have passed out of their care, in addition to providing guidance, counsel, and mentorship to both the children and their birth parents; and

WHEREAS, William and Sharon partner with Child Protection Services, birth parents, service providers, schools, and health care providers to insure that the needs of the children placed within their care receive the best possible attention:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT COMMEMORATED, by the Eighty-fourth Legislature of the State of South Dakota, that William and Sharon Ratzlaff of Freeman, South Dakota, be commended on their outstanding efforts in providing generous, compassionate, and selfless foster and adopted child care service for the past forty-three years.

