

SENATE COMMEMORATION NO. 25

Introduced by: Senators Kloucek, Abdallah, Bradford, Dempster, Fryslie, Gant, Garnos, Gillespie, Gray, Hansen (Tom), Hanson (Gary), Heidepriem, Howie, Knudson, Maher, Miles, Nelson, Nesselhuf, Olson (Russell), Peterson, Rhoden, Schmidt, Tieszen, Turbak Berry, and Vehle and Representatives Kirschman, Blake, Bolin, Brunner, Burg, Carson, Cronin, Curd, Cutler, Deadrick, Dennert, Elliott, Engels, Faehn, Feickert, Feinstein, Frerichs, Gibson, Gosch, Greenfield, Hunhoff (Bernie), Hunt, Iron Cloud III, Jensen, Killer, Kirkeby, Kopp, Lange, Lederman, Lucas, Lust, McLaughlin, Moser, Noem, Nygaard, Olson (Betty), Putnam, Rausch, Rave, Romkema, Rounds, Russell, Schlekeway, Schrempp, Sly, Solberg, Solum, Steele, Street, Thompson, Van Gerpen, Vanderlinde, Vanneman, Verchio, and Wismer

A LEGISLATIVE COMMEMORATION, expressing the Legislature's respect and appreciation for the sixteen years of devoted service by Gil Koetzle, the first and only legislator in the history of South Dakota to be term limited out of the House of Representatives and the Senate.

WHEREAS, Gil Koetzle faithfully served his state and the people of his district as a member of the South Dakota House of Representatives for eight years, holding the position of Minority Whip from 1993 - 2000. In addition, he served in the South Dakota Senate for eight years, reaching his term limit in 2008; and

WHEREAS, Gil Koetzle was a member of the Legislative Research Council Executive Board from 2003 - 2008 and served on the State Tribal Relations Committee from 2003 - 2004; and

WHEREAS, Gil Koetzle was known as "the preacher" because of his outstanding speaking ability, as well as "the voice of labor" to his fellow legislators; and

WHEREAS, Gil Koetzle is a dedicated husband, father, and grandfather. He and his wife Deb have two children, Jesse and Stephanie, and three grandchildren, Bode, Elizabeth, and Tanner:



NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT COMMEMORATED, by the Eighty-fourth Legislature of the State of South Dakota, that the South Dakota Legislature extends its undying respect and gratitude to Gil Koetzle for his commitment to public service in the State of South Dakota as the first and only legislator in the history of the state to be term limited out of both the House of Representatives and the Senate.