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SENATE COMMEMORATION NO. 27

Introduced by: Senators Nelson, Abdallah, Adelstein, Ahlers, Bradford, Brown, Dempster, Fryslie, Gant, Garnos, Gray, Hansen (Tom), Haverly, Knudson, Miles, Rhoden, Schmidt, and Tieszen and Representatives Turbiville and Romkema

A LEGISLATIVE COMMEMORATION, Commending David Adickes of President's Park Sculpture Garden near Lead, South Dakota, for his vision and talent as the designer and creator of the monumental patriotic artworks on permanent display in the Black Hills.

WHEREAS, David Adickes is a distinguished and world-renowned artist whose reputation spans the globe with works of art displayed in major art museums across America and throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, David Adickes was commissioned in 1989 to create an eight-foot bronze statue of then President George H. W. Bush, which is now on display in the Bush International Airport; and

WHEREAS, David Adickes conceived the idea of a park for Presidents in 1996 during a visit to Mt. Rushmore and subsequently chose the northern Black Hills as the home to showcase the twenty foot tall, twenty-five ton busts of all of the Presidents of the United States. One of the cornerstones identified as paramount to the economic vitality of Lead, South Dakota, is the arts:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT COMMEMORATED, by the Eighty-fourth Legislature of the State of South Dakota, that David Adickes of President's Park Sculpture Garden near Lead, South Dakota, be commended for his vision and talent as the designer and creator of the park that demonstrates tremendous dedication to the arts, tourism, and patriotism.