

SENATE COMMEMORATION NO. 30

Introduced by: Senators Gant, Abdallah, Ahlers, Bartling, Bradford, Brown, Dempster, Fryslie, Garnos, Gray, Hansen (Tom), Hanson (Gary), Haverly, Heidepriem, Howie, Hundstad, Jerstad, Kloucek, Maher, Merchant, Miles, Nelson, Nesselhuf, Novstrup (Al), Olson (Russell), Peterson, Tieszen, Turbak Berry, and Vehle and Representatives Frerichs, Blake, Boomgarden, Burg, Conzet, Cronin, Curd, Cutler, Deadrick, Dennert, Engels, Fargen, Feickert, Feinstein, Gosch, Hoffman, Hunhoff (Bernie), Hunt, Killer, Kirkeby, Lederman, Lucas, Lust, McLaughlin, Olson (Betty), Pitts, Putnam, Rausch, Rounds, Schlekeway, Sly, Solberg, Steele, Street, Thompson, Turbiville, Van Gerpen, Vanneman, Verchio, and Wismer

A LEGISLATIVE COMMEMORATION, Commending and honoring former Lieutenant Governor William Dougherty for his many years of service to South Dakota.

WHEREAS, William Dougherty was elected as the 31st Lieutenant Governor of South Dakota, and served two terms under Governor Richard Kneip from 1971 to 1975; and

WHEREAS, while presiding as Lieutenant Governor, Dougherty cast the tie-breaking vote in the Senate to defeat the final passage of a bill to impose a state income tax; and

WHEREAS, Dougherty was active in state and national politics, including serving as chair of Robert F. Kennedy's 1968 South Dakota campaign that led to Kennedy's primary victory over Hubert Humphrey, and serving as a top advisor to Senator George McGovern's 1972 presidential campaign; and

WHEREAS, Dougherty served as a lobbyist in the State Capitol from 1975 to 2009, and successfully represented a variety of prominent businesses and organizations on a wide range of issues; and

WHEREAS, while serving as a lobbyist, Dougherty gained the respect of legislators on both



sides of the aisle, as well as his fellow lobbyists, and his advice was constantly sought by elected officials at the local, state, and national level; and

WHEREAS, Dougherty donated his time and talents to community service by serving as director of the Avera McKennan Hospital, the Avera McKennan Foundation, the South Dakota Banking Commission, and the Sioux Falls Regional Airport Authority; and

WHEREAS, Dougherty was the force behind the creation of the Avera McKennan Free Clinic and he and his brother, Michael Dougherty, were the lead donors for the Dougherty Hospice House; and

WHEREAS, Dougherty was named an Outstanding Alumnus by South Dakota State University in 1975; and

WHEREAS, as a result of his outstanding service and commitment to South Dakota, Dougherty was inducted into the South Dakota Hall of Fame in 2009:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT COMMEMORATED, by the Eighty-fifth Legislature of the State of South Dakota, that the Legislature honors William Dougherty for his outstanding service to the State of South Dakota and to the United States of America.