SENATE COMMEMORATION NO. 17

Introduced by: Senators Russell and Nelson and Representatives Goodwin, Frye-Mueller, and Livermont

A LEGISLATIVE COMMEMORATION, Honoring the 130th anniversary of the establishment of the Michael J. Fitzmaurice State Veterans Home.

WHEREAS, the South Dakota State Veterans Home was established on November 11, 1889, in the mild climate and beautiful scenery of the Southern Black Hills, to provide care for the soldiers and sailors of South Dakota who were incapable of earning a living due to old age or wounds; and

WHEREAS, November 11, 1989, marked the 100th anniversary of the laying of the cornerstone in the Main Building. The State Veterans Home celebrated in style with a parade, a campfire, the opening of the time capsule from the cornerstone, and an executive proclamation from then Governor George S. Mickelson; and

WHEREAS, the State Veterans Home has provided such care to the veterans, their spouses, and their widows in a quality manner for the past one hundred thirty years; and

WHEREAS, the State Veterans Home has enjoyed the continuous support of the Veterans organizations of South Dakota for the past one hundred thirty years; and

WHEREAS, the State Veterans Home has initiated remodeling projects to upgrade the physical environment of the State Veterans Home in preparation for the services needed by the retiring Veterans of World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT COMMEMORATED, by the Ninety-Fourth Legislature of the State of South Dakota, that the State Veterans Home be commended and honored on its 130th anniversary.

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