

# State of South Dakota

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## SENATE COMMEMORATION NO. 17

Introduced by: Senators Hunhoff (Bernie), Bradford, Frerichs, Heineman (Phyllis), Rusch, Shorma, and Sutton and Representatives Hunhoff (Jean), Bartling, Bordeaux, Feickert, Gibson, Hawks, Hawley, Killer, Kirschman, McCleerey, Ring, Schrempp, Soli, and Stevens

A LEGISLATIVE COMMEMORATION, Honoring Laurie Visser as South Dakota's 2016 Mother of the Year.

WHEREAS, Laurie Visser is known throughout the greater Yankton community as a wonderful and caring wife, nurse, and friend who is very involved in her church, community, and family life; and

WHEREAS, Laurie is a mother of three, stepmom to one, and a surrogate mother for a couple who wished to grow their own family but were unable to do so without her assistance; and

WHEREAS, complications with the surrogate pregnancy limited her to bed rest for much of the term; however, Laurie made another family's dream come true because of her loving and generous heart; and

WHEREAS, she has been selected South Dakota Mother of the Year by American Mothers Inc., the official sponsor of Mother's Day and the Mothers of the Year program; and

WHEREAS, South Dakota was the first state in the nation to officially proclaim Mother's Day through a proclamation on April 9, 1909, by Governor Robert Vessey, a full five years before President Woodrow Wilson created the first national Mother's Day in 1914:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT COMMEMORATED, by the Ninety-First Legislature of the State of South Dakota, that the Legislature recognizes Laurie Visser and applauds her for the beautiful example she sets for motherhood both in our great state and across this nation.