

SENATE COMMEMORATION NO. 3

Introduced by: Senators Otten (Ernie), Brown, and Cammack and Representatives Otten (Herman), Latterell, and Westra

A LEGISLATIVE COMMEMORATION, Honoring the actions of those who reacted to control the tragic events in the Lennox area on February 12, 2015.

WHEREAS, on February 12, 2015, a Sioux Falls man entered Sioux Steel, in Lennox, and fatally shot Jon Richter, shot and critically wounded Kathy Steever, and physically assaulted Brian Roesler over a workplace altercation; and

WHEREAS, Brian Roesler heroically and courageously confronted the assailant, and while trying to disarm the assailant, received several head injuries; and

WHEREAS, recognition must be given to local agencies, law enforcement, and healthcare agencies who handled the unfortunate situation with perceptive professionalism and timely intervention; and

WHEREAS, the community of Lennox, including the victims, the employees of Sioux Steel, the Lennox School District, teachers, churches, family, and friends have shown such compassion, encouragement, and continuous support for one another; and

WHEREAS, condolences are extended to the family and friends of Jon Richter who tragically perished that day, condolences are also extended to the family and friends of the assailant, who also tragically perished that day; and

WHEREAS, our prayers and thoughts continue to reflect the ongoing endurance of all those who continue to live affected by the consequences of that day:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT COMMEMORATED, by the Ninety-First Legislature of the State of South Dakota, that the Legislature recognizes all those individuals affected by the tragic events



of February 12, 2015, and honors all those who courageously acted in response to the tragic events of that day.