

SENATE COMMEMORATION NO. 10

Introduced by: Senators Thompson, Aker, Albers, Benson, Brown (Arnold), Daugaard, Dennert, Drake, Dunn (Jim), Dunn (Rebecca), Everist, Flowers, Frederick, Hainje, Halverson, Ham, Hunhoff, Hutmacher, Johnson (William), Kleven, Kloucek, Lange, Lawler, Munson (David), Olson, Paisley, Reedy, Rounds, Shoener, Staggers, Symens, Valandra, and Whiting and Representative Gabriel

A LEGISLATIVE COMMEMORATION, Commending the achievements of the Casey Tibbs South Dakota Rodeo Center.

WHEREAS, Casey Tibbs was born near Fort Pierre, South Dakota, and went on to become the greatest pro rodeo cowboy of all time, winning nine world championships, and becoming famous throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, rodeo has its origins in South Dakota's agricultural and livestock industries, and the sport continues to have an economic and tourist impact on communities statewide; and

WHEREAS, South Dakota pro rodeo cowboys have won more than thirty world titles in a legacy that started with Casey Tibbs and Earl Thode, the first-ever world all-around champion, and has continued throughout the years involving men and women from all aspects of ranching and rodeo life; and

WHEREAS, the Casey Tibbs South Dakota Rodeo Center will honor rodeo cowboys and cowgirls, high school and college rodeo participants, members of such groups as 4-H, Little Britches, Great Plains Indian Association and South Dakota Rodeo Association, Professional Rodeo Cowboy Association, stock contractors, rodeo entertainers, and the ranch cowboys who work the land; and

WHEREAS, the Casey Tibbs South Dakota Rodeo Center will be the only one of its kind in the nation and will honor a unique group of people who have helped shape South Dakota's past, present, and future; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Casey Tibbs South Dakota Rodeo Center is to preserve the heritage of rodeo and the western culture of South Dakota while also promoting athletic and educational activities and opportunities for both the young people and adult citizens of this state:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT COMMEMORATED, by the Seventy-second Legislature of the State of South Dakota, that the Casey Tibbs South Dakota Rodeo Center be declared the Official Rodeo Center for South Dakota.

Carole Hillard
President of the Senate

Patricia Adam
Secretary of the Senate

Rex Hagg
Speaker of the House

Karen Gerdes
Chief Clerk of the House