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SENATE COMMEMORATION NO. 15

Introduced by: Senators Ham, Aker, Benson, Dennert, Dunn (Jim), Everist, Flowers, Hunhoff, Johnson (William), Kleven, Morford-Burg, Olson, Reedy, Shoener, Thompson, Vitter, and Whiting and Representatives Jorgensen, Apa, Chicoine, DeMersseman, Derby, Diedrich, Duenwald, Duniphan, Fischer-Clemens, Fitzgerald, Gabriel, Hagen, Hagg, Haley, Hassard, Kooistra, Lucas, Madden, McNenny, Pederson (Gordon), Pummel, Schaunaman, Schrempp, Van Gerpen, and Wetz

A LEGISLATIVE COMMEMORATION, Recognizing and commending the fiftieth anniversary of sculptor Korczak Ziolkowski's arrival in the Black Hills to begin the Crazy Horse Memorial.

WHEREAS, Korczak arrived in the Black Hills on May 3, 1947, to undertake the Crazy Horse Memorial at the invitation of the Lakota chiefs who wanted people to know of their great heroes and Korczak wanted the Memorial to be a tribute to all North American Indians; and

WHEREAS, Korczak determined that the Crazy Horse Memorial would be a nonprofit, educational, and cultural undertaking and that the carving would be a three dimensional sculpture with a height of five hundred sixty-three feet and a length of six hundred forty-one feet making it the largest sculptural undertaking the world has ever known; and

WHEREAS, Ruth Ross arrived in the Black Hills on June 21, 1947, and in 1950 married Korczak and was the mother of their ten sons and daughters, Ruth and several sons and daughters have dedicated their lives to continuing the progress on the educational and cultural aspects of the Memorial, and as the face of Crazy Horse on the mountain carving is now nearing completion:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT COMMEMORATED, by the Seventy-second Legislature of the State of South Dakota, that the Legislature does hereby recognize and commend the great progress that has been accomplished and is continuing on the Crazy Horse Memorial on this fiftieth anniversary of arrival in the Black Hills of Korczak Ziolkowski, Storyteller in Stone.

Carole Hillard
President of the Senate

Patricia Adam
Secretary of the Senate

Rex Hagg
Speaker of the House

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Chief Clerk of the House