

State of South Dakota

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HOUSE COMMEMORATION NO. **1007**

Introduced by: Representatives Young and Apa and Senator Dunn (Jim)

A LEGISLATIVE COMMEMORATION, Honoring the memory of Mr. Josef Meier, who played the role of Jesus Christ in the world renowned Spearfish Passion Play for nearly sixty years.

WHEREAS, Josef Meier dedicated his life to his undying and timeless commitment for Passion play performances, setting an American record by portraying The Christus over nine thousand times, thus rightly earning him Medals of Honor from three Popes; and

WHEREAS, Josef Meier was a leader in the fine arts in South Dakota, a recognized conservationist, and a founding father in the development of Black Hills tourism; and

WHEREAS, Josef Meier was first and foremost a loving father, caring husband, and a very committed community member:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT COMMEMORATED, by the Seventy-fourth Legislature of the State of South Dakota, that Josef Meier be remembered for his unselfish, unprecedented contributions not only to the State of South Dakota, but to the well-being of the world as a whole.