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SENATE COMMEMORATION NO. 13

Introduced by: Senators Valandra, Albers, Benson, Bogue, Brosz, Brown (Arnold), Daugaard, Dennert, Drake, Dunn (Jim), Dunn (Rebecca), Duxbury, Everist, Flowers, Frederick, Hainje, Halverson, Ham, Hutmacher, Kleven, Kloucek, Lange, Lawler, Madden, Moore, Munson (David), Olson, Paisley, Reedy, Rounds, Shoener, Staggers, Symens, Vitter, and Whiting and Representatives Hagen, Apa, Broderick, Brooks, Brown (Jarvis), Brown (Richard), Burg, Cerny, Chicoine, Clark, Crisp, Cutler, Davis, Derby, Diedrich (Larry), Diedrich (Elmer), Duenwald, Duniphan, Earley, Eccarius, Engbrecht, Fischer-Clemens, Fitzgerald, Fryslie, Garnos, Haley, Hanson, Hennies, Hunt, Jaspers, Juhnke, Kazmerzak, Klautt, Koehn, Koetzle, Konold, Kooistra, Koskan, Lintz, Lockner, Lucas, McCoy, McIntyre, McNenny, Michels, Monroe, Munson (Donald), Nachtigal, Napoli, Patterson, Peterson, Pummel, Putnam, Richter, Roe, Sebert, Slaughter, Smidt, Solum, Sutton (Daniel), Sutton (Duane), Volesky, Waltman, Weber, Wilson, Windhorst, Wudel, and Young

A LEGISLATIVE COMMEMORATION, Honoring the late Robert Penn, who passed away on February 7, 1999, for his artistic contributions to American Indian culture and the State of South Dakota.

WHEREAS, Robert Penn of Vermillion, South Dakota, graduated from St. Francis High School in 1966 and received a bachelor of fine arts degree from the University of South Dakota in 1974, and for twenty-five years thereafter was one of the state's most prominent contemporary artists; and

WHEREAS, the theme of Robert Penn's work communicated the efforts of traditional Indian culture to cope with the urban twentieth century. This art reflected Robert Penn's personal quest, and it suggests the sadness he often found in this struggle; and

WHEREAS, Robert Penn's art is displayed at the Smithsonian in Washington D.C., the Minneapolis Institute of Art, and the Vincent Price Gallery in Chicago. South Dakota also had the honor of inducting him into the South Dakota Hall of Fame in 1998:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT COMMEMORATED, by the Seventy-fourth Legislature of the State of South Dakota, that Robert Penn be remembered and honored for his achievements and contributions to his culture and the State of South Dakota.