

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 15

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Honoring Governor William J. Janklow for his service to the State of South Dakota.

WHEREAS, Governor William J. Janklow has served his state and nation with distinction over five decades, beginning with service as a United States Marine in the Far East from 1956 to 1959 and continuing through his election in 1998 to an unprecedented fourth term as the Governor of the State of South Dakota. Governor Janklow has served as Chief Legal Officer, South Dakota Legal Services, Rosebud Indian Reservation (1966-1973); Chief Prosecutor, South Dakota Attorney General's Office (1973-1974); South Dakota Attorney General (1975-1979); and Governor of South Dakota (1979-1987 and 1995 to the present time); and

WHEREAS, Governor Janklow was born on September 13, 1939, in Chicago, Illinois. Following his Marine Corps Service, he completed a degree in business administration at the University of South Dakota in 1964 and a law degree in 1966 and began his career of public service. He married Mary Dean Thom on September 3, 1960, and they have three children: Russell, Pamela, and Shonna. He is a devoted father and grandfather; and

WHEREAS, Governor Janklow's energy, dedication, and fighting spirit, which are well-known to all South Dakotans, have enabled him to build a lifetime of achievements and accomplishments for this state and the well-being of its people. His terms as Governor have included unprecedented initiatives in such diverse areas as water resources development, transportation, education and educational technology, law enforcement, property tax relief, economic development, and a host of other fields of endeavor. As Governor, he took special care to recognize South Dakota's veterans through the creation of memorials at the Capitol for South Dakota's Veterans of World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War. Governor Janklow's life has been defined by his passion to fight for his principles and for the things in which he believes as well as by his loyalty and fierce devotion to friends and family. His long and diligent service has made South Dakota a better place:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Senate of the Seventy-seventh Legislature of the State of South Dakota, the House of Representatives concurring therein, that Governor William J. Janklow has fashioned a lifetime of public service to the people of South Dakota and that the South Dakota Legislature acknowledges and expresses its gratitude to Governor Janklow for his efforts and achievements.

Adopted by the Senate,
Concurred in by the House of Representatives,

March 12, 2002
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Carole Hillard
President of the Senate

Patricia Adam
Secretary of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

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