

HOUSE COMMEMORATION NO. 1006

Introduced by: Representatives Adelstein, Christensen, Cutler, Hennies, Michels, Novstrup, Olson (Mel), Pederson (Gordon), Peterson (Bill), Putnam, and Van Gerpen and Senators Knudson, Bogue, Dempster, Ham-Burr, LaPointe, and Olson (Ed)

A LEGISLATIVE COMMEMORATION, Honoring the public achievements of "Thanks to Scandinavia".

WHEREAS, "*Thanks to Scandinavia*" is dedicated to educating the world concerning the history of Scandinavian respect for religious diversity and to teaching of the heroic rescue of Jews during the Nazi occupation during World War II; and

WHEREAS, "*Thanks to Scandinavia*" demonstrates this dedication by awarding scholarships to bring Scandinavian students to the United States in order to fully understand our practice of the traditions of religious and racial pluralism; and

WHEREAS, this Legislature is particularly appreciative of the role of "*Thanks to Scandinavia*" in supporting the publication and re-publication of literature illustrating these Scandinavian traditions and history including the publication of "**Army of Truth**" of Henrik Wergeland; and

WHEREAS, South Dakota is proud of the Scandinavian heritage of so many of our citizens and political leaders through the many years:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT COMMEMORATED, by the Seventy-ninth Legislature of the State of South Dakota, that this Legislature commends "*Thanks to Scandinavia*" for its magnificent program and encourages the continuation of its efforts to tell a history that should be a guide to all of the nations of the world, and commends the people of Norway, Sweden, Finland, and Denmark for their courage and humanity so vividly demonstrated by the compassion shown by the rescue of thousands of Jews fleeing Nazi atrocities.