

HOUSE COMMEMORATION NO. 1020

Introduced by: Representatives Van Gerpen, Adelstein, Bartling, Begalka, Deadrick (Thomas), Dykstra, Elliott, Fryslie, Garnos, Gillespie, Glenski, Hunhoff, Juhnke, Michels, Olson (Mel), Peterson (Bill), Putnam, and Smidt and Senators Kloucek, Albers, Dempster, Duenwald, Jaspers, Kooistra, Moore, and Reedy

A LEGISLATIVE COMMEMORATION, Congratulating the community of Menno on the 125th anniversary celebration of its founding.

WHEREAS, Menno was founded by a group of hardworking immigrants of Christian background who settled in the Dakota Territory; and

WHEREAS, the Chicago, Milwaukee, and St. Paul Railroad developed a train stop in the Menno area and brought commerce to these immigrants; and

WHEREAS, twenty-two of these immigrants withstood the social and economic hardships and founded the community of Menno in 1879. The community of Menno, 125 years later, has 729 citizens who are proud of the founders and their heritage:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT COMMEMORATED, by the Seventy-ninth Legislature of the State of South Dakota, that the community of Menno be honored on the occasion of its 125th anniversary celebration on July 3, 2004.