

SENATE COMMEMORATION NO. 14

Introduced by: Senators Dennert and Sutton (Duane) and Representatives Elliott, Frost, Hundstad, and Novstrup

A LEGISLATIVE COMMEMORATION, Congratulating the town of Columbia on its 125th anniversary celebration of its founding.

WHEREAS, Columbia was founded on June 15, 1879, as the first city in Brown County located on the fertile shores of the James River Valley at the foot of Sand Lake; Columbia was named for the patriotic song "Hail Columbia" and was known as a resort for early Dakotans; and

WHEREAS, Columbia was once the county seat of Brown County with the first courthouse located on the bank of Lake Columbia until the records were stolen by the city of Aberdeen; and

WHEREAS, the town of Columbia is known for the trade established through the first steamboat route on the James River with the "Fanny Peck" and "Nettie Baldwin" steamboats, which made regular trips carrying both freight and passengers up river to Jamestown, North Dakota; and

WHEREAS, Columbia will be celebrating its first one hundred twenty-five years as a town with an all school reunion, parade, dance, and other festivities on June 18, 19, and 20, 2004:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT COMMEMORATED, by the Seventy-ninth Legislature of the State of South Dakota, that the town of Columbia be honored on the occasion of its 125th anniversary celebration of its founding.