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SENATE COMMEMORATION NO. 8

Introduced by: Senators Kloucek, de Hueck, Dempster, Koetzle, Kooistra, Moore, Nachtigal, Olson (Ed), and Reedy and Representatives Putnam, Bartling, Begalka, Cutler, Deadrick (Thomas), Garnos, Glenski, Michels, Miles, Nesselhuf, Peterson (Bill), Schafer, and Van Gerpen

A LEGISLATIVE COMMEMORATION, Recognizing and commending the forty-sixth annual Schmeckfest in Freeman, South Dakota.

WHEREAS, the forty-sixth annual Schmeckfest, hosted by the Freeman Academy Auxiliary, celebrates the rich cultural heritage, customs, and language that the German immigrants transplanted from their homeland to enrich their new home in South Dakota; and

WHEREAS, many cultural exhibits, including sausage-making, basket-weaving, arts and crafts booths, and antiques will be on display, and many delicious ethnic foods, including noodle soup, fried potatoes, sauerkraut, stewed beef, and kuchen will be served; and

WHEREAS, one should wander the trails in the Prairie Arboretum, which includes forty acres of ponds, trees, grasses, flowers, and plants all native to this area of North America. Walking paths and a gazebo provide for an aesthetic meditative area that is also used as a science laboratory and teaching tool for area students; and

WHEREAS, the Heritage Hall Museum Complex, including community artifacts and memorabilia and four historic buildings, will be open for the three-day celebration. The musical production for the forty-sixth annual celebration is the musical comedy *Lucky Stiff*, based on the play *The Man Who Broke The Bank at Monte Carlo*, written by Stephen Flaherty and Lynn Ahrens, who teamed to write *Anastasia*, *Seussical*, and the Tony Award-winning *Ragtime*:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT COMMEMORATED, by the Seventy-ninth Legislature of the State of South Dakota, that the Legislature commends the people of Freeman, South Dakota, and the surrounding areas, for their outstanding traditional Schmeckfest Celebration and invites all South Dakotans to participate in the forty-sixth annual Schmeckfest on April 1, 2, and 3, 2004.