

HOUSE COMMEMORATION NO. 1019

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

A LEGISLATIVE COMMEMORATION, Honoring the life and career of Earl Sande, a professional jockey during the 1920s.

WHEREAS, Earl Sande was born November 13, 1898, at Groton, South Dakota, to John and Tillie Sande. He learned to ride horses on H.W. Cassel's farm; and

WHEREAS, Earl Sande went on to become one of the top jockeys of all time, with five Belmont Stakes wins; three Kentucky Derby wins; one Preakness win; one Triple Crown win riding Gallant Fox, making him one of only eleven jockeys to win a triple crown; five Jockey Club Gold Cups; four Withers Stakes; three Lawrence Realizations; three Suburban Handicaps; three Dwyer Stakes; third on the Lifetime Winning Percentage List; and more than sixty percent of all mounts finishing in the money; and

WHEREAS, Earl Sande's life and career are described by Richard J. Maturi in his book *Triple Crown Winner: the Earl Sande Saga* with invaluable help from Stacy and Steve Swenson, publishers and owners of the *Groton Independent* and the back files of the *Independent* which were able to establish the residency and livelihood of the Sande family in Groton:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT COMMEMORATED, by the Eightieth Legislature of the State of South Dakota, that Earl Sande, a native South Dakotan, who gained national prominence as a jockey in the 1920s, the Golden Age of Sports, is arguably the best all-time jockey America has yet produced.