

HOUSE COMMEMORATION NO. 1030

Introduced by: Representatives Van Norman, Bradford, Davis, Deadrick, Garnos, Gassman, Glover, Haley, McCoy, Putnam, Rave, Rounds, Thompson, Turbiville, and Valandra and Senators Adelstein, Bartling, Dempster, Gray, and Two Bulls

A LEGISLATIVE COMMEMORATION, Honoring the Institute of American Indian Studies at the University of South Dakota and the Center for American Indian Studies at Black Hills State University.

WHEREAS, the South Dakota Board of Regents in 1955 authorized the creation of the Institute of Indian Studies at the University of South Dakota, later known as the Institute of American Indian Studies, to conduct research and provide services for Native Americans in South Dakota; and

WHEREAS, the South Dakota Legislature in 1974 recognized and authorized the operation of the Institute of American Indian Studies at the University of South Dakota and the Center for American Indian Studies at Black Hills State University in SDCL 13-57-3.2 and 13-59-2.1 for the purposes of providing educational opportunities for Native American students and providing the opportunity to study the history, culture, and language of the native people of North America and South Dakota; and

WHEREAS, the Institute for American Indian Studies at USD and the Center for American Indian Studies at BHSU over the last fifty years have made significant and outstanding research and academic contributions in the areas of awareness of Native American culture, history, and contemporary issues; advising, mentoring, and retention of Native American students; strengthening relations with tribes, tribal colleges, and other institutions in the region; and conducting scholarly research, including operation and maintenance of the South Dakota Oral History Center and the Dr. Joseph Harper Cash Memorial Library:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT COMMEMORATED, by the Eightieth Legislature of the State of South Dakota, that the Institute of American Indian Studies at the University of South Dakota and the Center for American Indian Studies at Black Hills State University are to be honored and commended for their outstanding scholarly contributions and service over the last fifty years to their institutions, to South Dakota's Native American community, and to the state of South Dakota as a whole.