

HOUSE COMMEMORATION NO. 1004

Introduced by: Representatives Thompson, Boomgarden, Bradford, Brunner, Buckingham, Cutler, Davis, Deadrick, Dennert, Dykstra, Faehn, Frost, Fryslie, Garnos, Gassman, Gillespie, Glenski, Glover, Hackl, Haley, Halverson, Hanks, Hargens, Haverly, Heineman, Hennies, Hills, Howie, Hunhoff, Hunt, Jensen, Jerke, Klaudt, Koistinen, Kraus, Krebs, Kroger, Lange, McCoy, McLaughlin, Michels, Miles, Murschel, Nelson, Novstrup, O'Brien, Olson (Ryan), Pederson (Gordon), Peters, Putnam, Rausch, Rave, Rhoden, Roberts, Rounds, Schafer, Sebert, Sigdestad, Street, Tidemann, Tornow, Turbiville, Valandra, Van Etten, Van Norman, Vehle, Weems, Wick, and Willadsen and Senators Olson (Ed), Abdallah, Adelstein, Apa, Bartling, Bogue, Broderick, Dempster, Duenwald, Duniphan, Earley, Gant, Gray, Greenfield, Hansen (Tom), Hanson (Gary), Hundstad, Kelly, Kloucek, Knudson, Koetzle, Kooistra, Koskan, Lintz, McCracken, McNenny, Moore, Napoli, Nesselhuf, Peterson (Jim), Schoenbeck, Smidt, Sutton (Dan), Sutton (Duane), and Two Bulls

A LEGISLATIVE COMMEMORATION, Honoring and congratulating outstanding tennis coach, State Representative Burt Elliott, on his selection as a recipient of the 2005 South Dakota Tennis Achievement Award.

WHEREAS, Representative Burt Elliott's illustrious tennis coaching career at Aberdeen Central High School covered a span of thirty-five years, included coaching the Eagles' boys team for all those years and the Eagles' girls team for two decades, and was highlighted by an impressive record of victories, most notably three consecutive boys state championships in the early 1970s; and

WHEREAS, Coach Elliott was named the South Dakota Tennis Coach of the Year three times, the Region Six Coach of the Year twice, was presented with a "Lifetime Award" by the South Dakota High School Coaches Association, and was one of five finalists for the honor of National Coach of the Year in 2004; and

WHEREAS, Coach Elliott's many tennis coaching achievements are due in large part to his genuine concern for all of his players, his congenial nature, and his firm belief that the real value of an athletic program is not measured in wins and losses, but rather by the life lessons that children learn and carry with them into adulthood:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT COMMEMORATED, by the Eighty-first Legislature of the State of South Dakota, that Representative Burt Elliott be commended and congratulated on his selection as a recipient of the 2005 South Dakota Tennis Achievement Award.