

HOUSE COMMEMORATION NO. 1010

Introduced by: Representatives Dykstra and Gillespie and Senator Broderick

A LEGISLATIVE COMMEMORATION, Honoring Charles Kuehl of Canton for a life of public service.

WHEREAS, Mr. Charles W. Kuehl, a distinguished citizen of Canton, South Dakota, who devoted his life to public service, died on February 1, 2006; and

WHEREAS, Charles Kuehl, a veteran of the United States Army, was a lifelong farmer in the Canton area who was honored as an Outstanding Young Farmer in South Dakota, as a Pioneer Livestock Shipper by the Sioux Falls stockyards, and as a recipient of the WNAX Farm Family award for contributions to agriculture and the community. He was an avid supporter of 4-H and served for fourteen years as a member of the Canton School Board; and

WHEREAS, Charles Kuehl was an early and strong advocate of rural water in South Dakota. He helped develop the South Lincoln Rural Water System and served on its board of directors for twenty-eight years, nineteen of those years as its chairman. He was an organizer of the Southeastern South Dakota Water System, which evolved into the Lewis and Clark Rural Water System; and he served as the chairman of the Lewis and Clark Rural Water System Board of Directors from 1994 until his death. Mr. Kuehl was honored for his service in the development of rural water in South Dakota with the Lyle Trautman Memorial Award by the Lewis and Clark Rural Water System and the Friend of South Dakota Rural Water award by the South Dakota Rural Water Association, given on January 12, 2006:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT COMMEMORATED, by the Eighty-first Legislature of the State of South Dakota, that the South Dakota Legislature and the people of South Dakota are indebted to Mr. Charles W. Kuehl, of Canton, for a life of service to his family, his community, to South Dakota Agriculture, and to South Dakota rural water. His efforts, dedication, and foresight on behalf of his fellow citizens have made South Dakota a better place.