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SENATE COMMEMORATION NO. 10

Introduced by: Senators Hundstad and Hanson (Gary) and Representatives Dennert, Cutler, Elliott, Halverson, Novstrup (Al), Novstrup (David), Rounds, and Sigdestad

A LEGISLATIVE COMMEMORATION, Commending and honoring Tom Mahan for his outstanding community service and industry accomplishments.

WHEREAS, Tom Mahan has been honored with the 2007 TIME Magazine Quality Dealer Award. Tom is one of only sixty automobile dealers, from more than 19,500 nationwide, nominated for the award. The award is given to those who display excellence and long-standing commitment to effective community service and is among the nation's most successful auto dealers; and

WHEREAS, Tom is a South Dakota native and graduate of Groton High School and Jamestown College. He returned to Groton after college and has worked at Pioneer Ford since that time. In 1976, Tom and his father bought the dealership and Tom has operated Pioneer Ford for over thirty years; and

WHEREAS, Tom has supported many community organizations and causes including: service as chairman of Groton's Golf Course Board from 1989 to 1992, where he oversaw the construction of the course, participation in Groton's Kiwanis Club and the Chamber of Commerce, and membership in the South Dakota Automobile Dealers Association for thirty years, where he serves as chairman of its investment committee and served as President from 2000 to 2002:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT COMMEMORATED, by the Eighty-second Legislature of the State of South Dakota, that Tom Mahan be commended and honored for his outstanding community service in the city of Groton and for the State of South Dakota and his accomplishments in the automobile industry.