

SENATE COMMEMORATION NO. 1

Introduced by: Senators Kloucek, Albers, Bartling, Gant, Garnos, Gray, Hanson (Gary), Heidepriem, Hundstad, Hunhoff, Katus, Knudson, Koetzle, Maher, Napoli, Peterson (Jim), Smidt (Orville), Sutton, and Turbak Berry and Representatives Putnam, Ahlers, Boomgarden, Bradford, Carson, Elliott, Engels, Feinstein, Gassman, Gilson, Glenski, Halverson, Haverly, Howie, Hunt, Jerke, Koistinen, Krebs, Lucas, Moore, Nelson, Nygaard, Olson (Betty), Pederson (Gordon), Rausch, Rounds, Sigdestad, Street, Thompson, Tidemann, Van Norman, Vanneman, and Vehle

A LEGISLATIVE COMMEMORATION, Honoring and supporting Czech Days in Tabor, South Dakota, on the occasion of its sixtieth anniversary.

WHEREAS, South Dakota's Czech immigrants have enriched our state's culture with their exceptional attainments in music, literature, and art, and are known for their love of agriculture, mechanical arts, and democracy, which they strive to preserve for future generations; and

WHEREAS, this year's Czech Days Royalty are Queen Ashley Cuka, daughter of Kevin and Sharon Cuka of Tyndall; Princess Elyssa Walloch, daughter of Mark and Emily Walloch of Scotland; and Prince Brendan Bares, son of Steve and Linda Bares of Tabor; and

WHEREAS, Czech Days offers a variety of exhibits, attractions, events, and entertainment, including the Czech Heritage Museum; Blachnik Museum; St. Wenceslaus Church; programs for adults and children in Sokol Park; live Czech music in Beseda Hall; an authentic mini Czech pioneer village; a variety of Czech foods; adult and youth parades; two beer gardens; a quilt show; a craft fair; the Show-and-Shine Auto, Motorcycle, and Tractor Show; a baseball game; a fireworks display dedicated to Battery C, 147th Field Artillery, South Dakota Army National Guard; Great Grandmothers Trunk from Bohemia; Genealogy Traveling Library from St. Paul, Minnesota; and Czech Days Royalty Reunion honoring six decades of Queens and five decades of Princes and Princesses:



NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT COMMEMORATED, by the Eighty-Third Legislature of the State of South Dakota, that the Legislature congratulates all South Dakotans of Czech ancestry and invites everyone to participate in the sixtieth annual Czech Days on June 19, 20, and 21, 2008.