

HOUSE COMMEMORATION NO. 1026

Introduced by: Representatives Rounds, Anderson, Bartels, Barthel, Bordeaux, Borglum, Brunner, Chaffee, Chase, Cwach, Dennert, Duba, Duvall, Finck, Frye-Mueller, Glanzer, Goodwin, Gosch, Greenfield (Lana), Gross, Hammock, Hansen, Healy, Howard, Hunhoff, Jensen (Kevin), Johns, Johnson (Chris), Johnson (David), Karr, Koth, Latterell, Lesmeister, Livermont, Marty, McCleerey, Mills, Milstead, Miskimins, Mulally, Olson, Otten (Herman), Perry, Peterson (Sue), Pischke, Post, Pourier, Qualm, Rasmussen, Reed, Ring, Saba, Schoenfish, Smith (Jamie), Steele, Sullivan, Weis, Wiese, Willadsen, York, and Zikmund and Senators Nelson, Kennedy, Nesiba, Rusch, Stalzer, and Steinhauer

A LEGISLATIVE COMMEMORATION, Honoring the service of the South Dakota National Guard's Adjutant General, Major General Timothy A. Reisch, for his tenure serving as Adjutant Major General for the State of South Dakota Department of Military from April 2011 through June 2019.

WHEREAS, Major General Reisch served as the state's twenty-first Adjutant General leading both the South Dakota Air and Army National Guard and guided the preparation of the 4,300 soldiers and airmen, as well as over 1,000 full-time federal and state employees, to respond in times of state or national need; and

WHEREAS, Major General Reisch was responsible for federal and state missions, assignment of leaders, recruiting, training, equipping, mobilization, facilities, and public relations, and in charge of formulating, developing, and coordinating all policies, plans, and programs affecting Air and Army National Guard members in South Dakota; and

WHEREAS, during Major General Reisch's tenure, the South Dakota National Guard had over 1,850 soldiers and over 950 airmen deploy to twelve different countries in support of overseas conflicts and federal commitments worldwide; and



WHEREAS, under Major General Reisch's command, the South Dakota National Guard provided domestic emergency response support to state civil authorities during the historic 2011 Missouri River flood, 2013 Winter Storm Atlas, 2014 and 2015 tornadoes in Wessington Springs and Delmont, and nearly forty wildland fire suppression missions and ten emergency aerial extractions in the Black Hills and western South Dakota during the last eight years; and

WHEREAS, with Major General Reisch's leadership, both Air and Army National Guard units received more than one hundred fifty national awards in the last eight years, demonstrating the superior preparation, training, and operational readiness of this state's National Guard as one of the nation's most competent, reliable, capable, and effective forces:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT COMMEMORATED, by the Ninety-Fourth Legislature of the State of South Dakota, that the Legislature congratulates Major General Timothy A. Reisch on his more than forty years of service in the South Dakota National Guard and for his more than eight years of leadership serving as Adjutant General of the Department of the Military, and Major General Timothy A. Reisch is recognized for his outstanding service to the great State of South Dakota and the United States of America.