

## HOUSE COMMEMORATION NO. 1006

Introduced by: Representatives Zikmund, Ahlers, Bartels, Barthel, Bartling, Beal, Bordeaux, Brunner, Campbell, Carson, Chase, Clark, Dennert, Diedrich, DiSanto, Duvall, Frye-Mueller, Glanzer, Goodwin, Gosch, Greenfield (Lana), Haugaard, Hawley, Holmes, Howard, Jamison, Jensen (Kevin), Johnson, Kaiser, Karr, Kettwig, Lake, Latterell, Lesmeister, Livermont, Lust, Marty, May, McCleerey, McPherson, Mickelson, Mills, Otten (Herman), Peterson (Sue), Pischke, Qualm, Rasmussen, Reed, Ring, Rozum, Schoenfish, Smith, Steinhauer, Tulson, Turbiville, Willadsen, Wismer, and York and Senators Stalzer, Bolin, Cammack, Cronin, Curd, Ewing, Frerichs, Greenfield (Brock), Haverly, Heinert, Jensen (Phil), Kennedy, Killer, Klumb, Kolbeck, Langer, Maher, Monroe, Nelson, Nesiba, Netherton, Novstrup, Otten (Ernie), Partridge, Peters, Rusch, Russell, Soholt, Solano, Sutton, Tapio, Tidemann, White, Wiik, and Youngberg

A LEGISLATIVE COMMEMORATION, Expressing gratitude and admiration for all the men and women who are in active military service, who are veterans, or who are or have been first responders in our state.

WHEREAS, throughout our country's history, generations of men and women have answered the call to leave their families and their jobs, and put their futures and even their lives on the line to valiantly defend our nation and its inalienable rights; and

WHEREAS, first responders, including professional and volunteer fire, police, emergency medical technician, and paramedic workers, tirelessly and fearlessly serve others at times of greatest need, even when it requires putting themselves in harm's way; and

WHEREAS, the active military members, veterans, and first responders in our state deserve to be recognized for their commitment to safety, defense, and honor, and are owed a debt of gratitude for the countless sacrifices they have made; and



WHEREAS, for too many, the sacrifices made have ended in permanent injury or death, but yet their spirit remains in the continued protection of and service to others:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT COMMEMORATED, by the Ninety-Third Legislature of the State of South Dakota, that the Legislature hereby acknowledges the tremendous contributions of the active military members, veterans, and first responders of this state and expresses to them profound gratitude and appreciation for the services and protections they provide and for the sacrifices they have made along the way.