

HOUSE COMMEMORATION NO. 1019

Introduced by: Representatives Schaefer, Bartels, Barthel, Bartling, Beal, Campbell, Chase, Clark, Conzet, Diedrich, DiSanto, Duvall, Frye-Mueller, Goodwin, Gosch, Greenfield (Lana), Heinemann, Holmes, Jensen (Kevin), Johns, Johnson, Lake, Lesmeister, Livermont, Lust, Marty, May, McCleerey, Mickelson, Mills, Otten (Herman), Peterson (Sue), Rasmussen, Rhoden, Rounds, Rozum, Schoenfish, Steinhauer, Tulson, Turbiville, Wiese, Willadsen, and Zikmund and Senators Frerichs, Bolin, Cronin, Haverly, Kennedy, Kolbeck, Maher, Monroe, Nelson, Peters, Rusch, Soholt, Solano, Stalzer, and Tapio

A LEGISLATIVE COMMEMORATION, To honor and celebrate the 60th anniversary of the Vermeer Corporation and their contribution to the farming industry.

WHEREAS, Gary Vermeer created a mechanical hoist to help expedite the process of unloading harvested crops from his grain wagons in 1943 and opened the Vermeer Manufacturing Company in 1948; and

WHEREAS, the Vermeer Corporation consists of eight manufacturing plants located just outside of Pella, Iowa, on the same Iowa farmland near where Gary Vermeer designed his first wagon hoist; and

WHEREAS, the company is recognized as a global leader in forage, tree care, wood-waste processing, composting, compact and underground installation equipment. Currently, Vermeer Corporation employs over two thousand people and sells equipment in more than sixty countries; and

WHEREAS, still a family-owned company, Vermeer Corporation has brought many innovations to the market including the stump cutter, tree spade, PTO-powered hammermill, large round baler, hydraulic twin rake, hydrostatic-driven trencher, and reclamation equipment:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT COMMEMORATED, by the Ninety-Third Legislature of the State



of South Dakota, that the Legislature commends and honors Gary Vermeer's accomplishments and the Vermeer Corporation.