

SENATE COMMEMORATION NO. 21

Introduced by: Senators Maher, Ahlers, Bartling, Bradford, Brown, Gant, Garnos, Hansen (Tom), Kloucek, Novstrup (Al), Olson (Russell), and Tieszen and Representatives Schrempp, Cronin, Hamiel, Iron Cloud III, Killer, Lucas, Olson (Betty), Russell, and Wink

A LEGISLATIVE COMMEMORATION, Honoring and supporting Hometown Days in Eagle Butte, South Dakota, on the occasion of its centennial anniversary.

WHEREAS, the history behind the naming of this unique town comes from the butte located south of the present site of Eagle Butte; and

WHEREAS, this site was once a habitat for eagles, a place where the Lakota people could wait in hiding for an eagle to land so they could draw out the sacred feathers for ceremonial purposes. To this day the site is still being used for the Humblecye (prayer service); and

WHEREAS, this site was designated as a sacred historical site by the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe on August 12, 2009; and

WHEREAS, in the summer of 1910, Eagle Butte became a stop for the Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul, and Pacific Railroad; and

WHEREAS, Eagle Butte's citizens have uniquely enriched our state's culture with their traditional Lakota music, beautiful Lakota dance ceremonies and regalia, exquisite artistry, community involvement, respect for nature, and appreciation for farming, ranching, and democracy, which they strive to preserve for future generations; and

WHEREAS, this year's Hometown Days celebration on July 15 through July 18, 2010, will mark the one hundredth birthday of the city with a wagon train, music entertainment, artist market, activities and all-school reunion, museum, Lakota culture, and a street dance:



NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT COMMEMORATED, by the Eighty-fifth Legislature of the State of South Dakota, that the Legislature congratulates all South Dakotans of Eagle Butte ancestry and invites everyone to participate in the Eagle Butte Hometown Days Centennial Celebration on July 15 through July 18, 2010.