

SENATE COMMEMORATION NO. 6

Introduced by: Senators Brown, Haverly, and Vehle and Representatives Carson and Hamiel

A LEGISLATIVE COMMEMORATION, Honoring the memory and the life of Lieutenant Clinton Wermers.

WHEREAS, Clinton was a loving son to his parents, Ronald and the late Susette Wermers; husband to his expecting wife, Shannon; and father to his children, Cadence and Audrey; and

WHEREAS, Clinton Wermers, a Mount Vernon, South Dakota, native graduated from Mount Vernon High School in 1995 and South Dakota State University with a Bachelor of Science in Geography; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Clinton Wermers began his military career in 2002. Lieutenant Wermers earned his wings of gold in July 2003, pinned on by his mother Susette. He selflessly served in the United States Navy for eight years as a naval aviator. As an Aircraft Commander in the VQ-3 Ironmen, he conducted operational missions in the E-6B Mercury. As a flight instructor in VT-6, he was a role model to future naval aviators both on the ground and in the T-34C Turbomenter; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Clinton Wermers served in the Armed Forces with distinction receiving the Navy/Marine Corp Achievement Medal, the Armed Forces Reserve Meritorious Service Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, and the Global War on Terrorism Medal and the Army Service Ribbon; and

WHEREAS, Clinton was a proud South Dakotan exemplifying the work ethic and values shared throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Clinton Wermers gave the ultimate sacrifice during a routine training flight while preparing a future generation of aviators to protect and defend the United States of America:



NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT COMMEMORATED, by the Eighty-fifth Legislature of the State of South Dakota, that Lieutenant Clinton Wermers be remembered for his unselfish and loyal contributions to his family, to South Dakota, and to this country. From the lives and people Clint has touched in both South Dakota and the United States Navy: "*Fair winds and following seas.*"