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Chairman Harold Frazier, CRST, to Give State of the Tribes Address to the Legislature

PIERRE – Chairman Harold Frazier of the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe will give a State of the Tribes Address to a joint session of the Legislature on Thursday, January 14, 2016. The address will begin at 1:30 p.m. CST in the State House Chamber. Seating is available for the public in the 4th floor House gallery.

The address by Chairman Frazier represents the first time that the South Dakota Legislature will gather in joint session to hear an address from a tribal leader. Senate President Pro Tempore Corey Brown called it “an important substantive and symbolic step towards building the relationship between the state and the tribes.”

Rep. Don Hagggar, Chair of the Tribal Economic Development Task Force, said, “I am pleased that the South Dakota Legislature is initiating a State of the Tribes Address. I believe this is a historically significant step forward for the State of South Dakota in its relationship with the nine tribes.”

Senate Assistant Minority Leader Troy Heinert added, “I’m excited to be part of this historic event. As a tribal member, I look forward to hearing Chairman Frazier address a joint session of the Legislature. I feel that only good things can come from this as we increase opportunities to learn from and about each other, and foster a Government to Government relationship for the good of all of South Dakota’s citizens.”

South Dakota Public Broadcasting will broadcast the speech live on SDPB1 TV, SDPB Radio, and SDPB.org. The audio will also be available from the LRC website, legis.sd.gov.

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