

HOUSE COMMEMORATION NO. 1012

Introduced by: The Members of the Eighty-Fourth Legislative Session

A LEGISLATIVE COMMEMORATION, Congratulating and expressing appreciation to the Associated General Contractors of South Dakota Building Chapter and its program known as "Operation Opening Doors."

WHEREAS, "Operation Opening Doors" is the result of the Associated General Contractors of South Dakota Building Chapter's recognition that members of the United States armed services will go anywhere around the world to defend democracy and the freedoms that we enjoy; and

WHEREAS, in cooperation with volunteers and communities within South Dakota, "Operation Opening Doors" has provided and will continue to provide home renovations, at no cost, for South Dakota soldiers who are disabled, ensuring that their homes are accessible by adding wheelchair ramps, widening hallways and doors, enlarging bathrooms, kitchens, and bedrooms, and completing similar projects to make the homes accessible; and

WHEREAS, to date, "Operation Opening Doors" has completed three major projects for South Dakota soldiers who are disabled at a total cost of approximately five hundred thousand dollars, and "Operation Opening Doors" now serves as a model that has been adopted by the Associated General Contractors of America and nearly one hundred of its state and local affiliates around the country:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT COMMEMORATED, by the Eighty-fourth Legislature of the State of South Dakota, that the Legislature congratulates and expresses appreciation to the Associated General Contractors of South Dakota Building Chapter for its program "Operation Opening Doors," that provides services to members of the armed services in South Dakota who are disabled.

