

HOUSE COMMEMORATION NO. 1030

Introduced by: Representative Cronin and Senator Brown

A LEGISLATIVE COMMEMORATION, Honoring the life of Thomas Schlachter of Gettysburg.

WHEREAS, Thomas F. Schlachter of Gettysburg, South Dakota, died on March 5, 2009, at the age of eighty after a lifetime of service to his family and his community; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Schlachter was born on April 3, 1928, to Guy and Olive Schlachter, graduated from Gettysburg High School in 1946, graduated from South Dakota State University in 1950 with a degree in agronomy, and served as a United States Air Force officer during the Korean War; and

WHEREAS, following his military service, Mr. Schlachter returned to the family business in Gettysburg, where he was active until his death. Schlachter Lumber was founded in 1883, the same year as the municipality of Gettysburg, and is Gettysburg's oldest family business; and

WHEREAS, Tom Schlachter rendered dedicated and valuable service to his community and state, including life membership in and commander of the Gettysburg Ralph Lieu American Legion Post, Gettysburg City Council member, volunteer fireman for twenty years, Potter County Historical Society member, Dakota Sunset Museum Board president, South Dakota Highway Commission member, and charter member of the Knights of Columbus at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. He was named South Dakota Lumberman of the Year in 1994 and received the Century Farm Award in 2008; and

WHEREAS, Tom Schlachter and Janice Fetherhuff were married in Gettysburg on January 6, 1962, during a blizzard. Tom and Janice enjoyed their children and grandchildren and their life together. Tom had a love of history and travel and a lifelong thirst for knowledge:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT COMMEMORATED, by the Eighty-fourth Legislature of the State of South Dakota, that Mr. Thomas F. Schlachter of Gettysburg lived a life of exemplary service to his family and to his community, state, and nation that is in the best traditions of the state of South



Dakota and its citizens.