

SENATE COMMEMORATION NO. 26

Introduced by: Senators Gray, Abdallah, Adelstein, Ahlers, Bartling, Bradford, Brown, Dempster, Fryslie, Gant, Garnos, Gillespie, Hansen (Tom), Hanson (Gary), Haverly, Heidepriem, Howie, Hundstad, Hunhoff (Jean), Jerstad, Kloucek, Knudson, Maher, Merchant, Miles, Nelson, Nesselhuf, Novstrup (Al), Olson (Russell), Peterson, Rhoden, Schmidt, Tieszen, Turbak Berry, and Vehle and Representatives Rave, Blake, Bolin, Boomgarden, Brunner, Burg, Carson, Cronin, Curd, Cutler, Deadrick, Dennert, Dreyer, Elliott, Engels, Faehn, Fargen, Feickert, Feinstein, Frerichs, Gibson, Gosch, Greenfield, Hamiel, Hoffman, Hunhoff (Bernie), Hunt, Iron Cloud III, Jensen, Juhnke, Killer, Kirkeby, Kirschman, Kopp, Krebs, Lange, Lederman, Lucas, Lust, McLaughlin, Moser, Noem, Novstrup (David), Nygaard, Olson (Betty), Olson (Ryan), Peters, Pitts, Putnam, Rausch, Romkema, Rounds, Russell, Schlekeway, Schrempp, Sly, Solberg, Solum, Sorenson, Steele, Street, Thompson, Tidemann, Turbiville, Van Gerpen, Vanderlinde, Vanneman, Verchio, Wink, and Wismer

A LEGISLATIVE COMMEMORATION, Honoring Valerie Melmer for her outstanding commitment and service to the South Dakota legislative page program and the youth of South Dakota.

WHEREAS, Valerie has faithfully served as the page advisor for the South Dakota Legislature for five years and has approached the job with passion and courage throughout good times and bad; and

WHEREAS, Valerie's exceptional performance as page advisor has earned her the utmost respect of the hundreds of pages she has impacted throughout her time working in the Legislature and of the members of the Legislature who served during her tenure; and

WHEREAS, when not serving the State of South Dakota as page advisor, Valerie stays active in the community as a member of the Women's Prison Ministry, Women's Book Club, and as an



energetic member of her church:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT COMMEMORATED, by the Eighty-fourth Legislature of the State of South Dakota, that Valerie Melmer be recognized for her five years of exceptional dedication to the legislative page program.