

HOUSE COMMEMORATION NO. 1001

Introduced by: Representatives Weber and Diedrich (Larry) and Senator Halverson

A LEGISLATIVE COMMEMORATION, Congratulating the town of LaBolt on its centennial celebration.

WHEREAS, LaBolt was named for a French horse trader, Alfred LaBolt, who homesteaded near the present town. The St. Paul, Minneapolis and Manitoba; Great Northern; and Great Northern and Burlington Northern railways have operated in LaBolt. The Northwestern Elevator was the first business in LaBolt, and opened in 1879, and the new LaBolt Farmers' Grain Elevator has been a cooperative for some ninety years; and

WHEREAS, LaBolt became an important trade center for the pioneers, boasting several general stores, a lumber yard, hotel, bank, implement store, garage, restaurant, gas station, funeral home, blacksmith shop, post office, barbershop, cream station, magneto shop, shoe repair, and others. The Mini-Mall, built in 1993, is now the focal point in LaBolt; and

WHEREAS, the people of LaBolt have demonstrated a strong community spirit over the years with their support for local programs and fundraisers, sports, and school events. Examples include the LaBolt Cornet Band, organized in 1902, LaBolt park and dam built in 1937, the high school built in 1941, numerous churches and youth facilities:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT COMMEMORATED, by the Seventy-fifth Legislature of the State of South Dakota, that the town of LaBolt be honored on the occasion of its centennial celebration on July 1 and 2, in the year 2000.