

HOUSE COMMEMORATION NO. 1003

Introduced by: Representatives Kloucek, Bartling, Begalka, Bradford, Davis, Elliott, Gillespie, Hanson (Gary), and Nachtigal and Senators Moore, Hutmacher, and Putnam

A LEGISLATIVE COMMEMORATION, Honoring Sergeant Deono Miller for his Vietnam service.

WHEREAS, Sergeant Deono Miller of Olivet, South Dakota, a veteran of the United States Army, served in Vietnam from July 1968 through July 1969, at the height of the Vietnam War, as an infantryman with the 9th Infantry Division. Sergeant Miller served as an infantry point man in the Mekong Delta with the Mobile Riverine Force and later as a sniper in the Dong Tam, Ben Tre, and Tiger's Lair areas; and

WHEREAS, during his Vietnam service, Sergeant Miller performed his duties in an exemplary manner and is a highly decorated combat veteran. His awards include the Silver Star, the nation's third highest award for heroism in combat, as well as the Combat Infantryman's Badge, three awards of the Bronze Star with "V" Device for valor, and three awards of the Army Commendation Medal with "V" device for valor, and the Air Medal, together with numerous campaign and service medals; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Deono Miller and his wife, Lonna, farm in the Olivet, South Dakota, area and are the parents of three daughters, Kari, Kristi, and Katina. Mr. Miller has returned to Vietnam twice, in 1996 and 1999, to visit the areas of his military service:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT COMMEMORATED, by the Seventy-seventh Legislature of the State of South Dakota, that the South Dakota Legislature expresses its respect and its deepest thanks to Mr. Deono Miller, of Olivet, South Dakota, for his sacrifices and his distinguished service in Vietnam and for his continued efforts on behalf of other veterans.