

HOUSE COMMEMORATION NO. 1022

Introduced by: Representatives Van Norman, Bradford, Jensen, Lintz, Rhoden, and Valandra

A LEGISLATIVE COMMEMORATION, Honoring an outstanding rodeo cowboy and distinguished South Dakotan, Tom Z. Reeves of Eagle Butte.

WHEREAS, Tom Reeves is the reigning PRCA World Champion Saddle Bronc Rider, accomplishing that feat in the same year in which he qualified for the National Finals Rodeo for a record-breaking seventeenth consecutive season; and

WHEREAS, the respect in which Tom is held by his peers in professional rodeo is shown in the fact that he was selected to be the captain of Team USA in the Olympic Command Performance Rodeo at the Winter Olympic Games in Utah; and

WHEREAS, Tom led Team USA to victory in that competition while adding to his personal laurels by winning the silver medal in the saddle bronc riding; and

WHEREAS, Tom continuously exemplifies the qualities of a champion outside the rodeo arena through his support of youth, community, and charitable activities, especially with the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe; and

WHEREAS, Tom's sterling character, dedication to excellence, modest demeanor, and concern for others reflect the best qualities of all South Dakotans:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT COMMEMORATED, by the Seventy-seventh Legislature of the State of South Dakota, that the career and accomplishments of one of South Dakota's favorite native sons, Tom Reeves, be recognized and celebrated.