

HOUSE COMMEMORATION NO. 1006

Introduced by: The Members of the Seventy-eighth Legislative Session

A LEGISLATIVE COMMEMORATION, Commending Marletta Eich, other teachers, and their students.

WHEREAS, Marletta Eich, ten years ago, started teaching a Smoke-Free Class of 2000 to her fifth grade class. She asked her students to research the effects of smoking and the students found that smoking is harmful. The students then proceeded to write essays on the effects of smoking; and

WHEREAS, the school principal encouraged the students to send their essays on smoking to state legislators. The Legislature was considering legislation to prohibit smoking in the capitol, so the students wrote letters to the legislators explaining why they should not smoke. The students were amazed and pleased with the power of their words as smoking was eventually prohibited in the capitol; and

WHEREAS, Marletta Eich started the "Adopt A Legislator" project after learning of the Legislative Research Council's web site. She also initiated Web Course Tools (WebCT) and Dakota Digital Network (DDN) projects and received a favorable response from legislators. A grant was applied for and received from the Department of Education and Cultural Affairs to continue the project and expand it to other classrooms:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT COMMEMORATED, by the Seventy-eighth Legislature of the State of South Dakota, that Marletta Eich, other teachers, and their students be recognized for their commitment to excellence in making the legislative process real and applicable for the 2002-2003 school year.