

HOUSE COMMEMORATION NO. 1010

Introduced by: Representatives Adelstein, Bartling, Garnos, Hanson, Hargens, Madsen, McCaulley, Peterson (Bill), Peterson (Jim), Rhoden, and Teupel and Senators Ham, McCracken, and Moore

A LEGISLATIVE COMMEMORATION, Honoring Jonathan Adelstein for his appointment to the Federal Communications Commission.

WHEREAS, the State of South Dakota often prides itself on its rural roots and its vast open spaces and these attributes have helped create a way of life that is unmatched; and

WHEREAS, our wide-open spaces have, at times, created obstacles, both territorial and economical, among individuals, businesses, and government; and

WHEREAS, people living in rural areas should not be afforded lower quality telecommunications or broadcast services simply because they live in sparsely-populated regions of this country; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Communications Commission has utilized universal service policy over most of the twentieth century to bring quality telecommunications service to sparsely populated states like South Dakota, in order to overcome the territorial and economic obstacles; and

WHEREAS, on the tenth day of July 2002, President George W. Bush nominated South Dakota native, Jonathan Adelstein, to serve on the Federal Communications Commission, a nomination confirmed by the United States Senate; and

WHEREAS, Jonathan Adelstein is the first native South Dakotan to serve on the Federal Communications Commission and has vowed to be a champion for and to protect the rights of people living in rural states to have high quality communications services:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT COMMEMORATED, by the Seventy-eighth Legislature of the State of South Dakota, that Jonathan Adelstein be recognized upon his confirmation to the Federal Communications Commission and for his commitment to craft regulatory policies that do not relegate people living in rural areas to sub-standard communications services.