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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1

Introduced by: Senators Gray, Abdallah, Albers, Apa, Bartling, Dempster, Duenwald, Gant, Garnos, Greenfield, Hansen (Tom), Hanson (Gary), Hauge, Heidepriem, Hoerth, Hundstad, Hunhoff, Jerstad, Katus, Kloucek, Knudson, Koetzle, Lintz, Maher, McCracken, McNenny, Napoli, Nesselhuf, Olson (Ed), Peterson (Jim), Schmidt (Dennis), Smidt (Orville), Sutton, Turbak, and Two Bulls

1 A RESOLUTION, Honoring the life, achievements, and indomitable spirit of Doctor William

2 O. Farber, Professor Emeritus of Political Science at the University of South Dakota.

3 WHEREAS, Doctor William O. Farber passed away on March 24th at the venerable age of
4 ninety-six; and

5 WHEREAS, Doctor Farber, during the last seventy-two years, forged a career in public
6 service in South Dakota so extensive, unique, multifaceted, and pervasive that it is not an
7 exaggeration to say that no other South Dakotan will ever duplicate it; and

8 WHEREAS, Doctor Farber possessed the extraordinary capacity to blend a distinguished,
9 traditional academic career with continuous public service at the state, national, and municipal
10 levels; and

11 WHEREAS, Doctor Farber literally wrote the book on South Dakota government, his text
12 "*Government of South Dakota*" being the ultimate civics textbook for generations of South
13 Dakotans; and



1 WHEREAS, Doctor Farber's impish, but winning, personality captivated everyone that he
2 came in contact with from the lowliest University of South Dakota freshman to the most
3 powerful Washington powerbrokers; and

4 WHEREAS, Doctor Farber never forgot a student, colleague, or public servant whose
5 acquaintance he had once made nor did anyone who had fallen under the spell of Farbs'
6 engaging charm ever forget him; and

7 WHEREAS, Doctor Farber, who never had a family of his own, was surrogate father to an
8 extended family of thousands of "Farber boys" whose careers he guided and facilitated, taking
9 great pride in their accomplishments and advancements, especially if they chose the field of
10 public service; and

11 WHEREAS, of all South Dakota institutions, the Legislature owes a special debt of gratitude
12 to Doctor Farber, who, in a major initiative to modernize and professionalize the South Dakota
13 Legislature, founded the Legislative Research Council and served as its first director and
14 principal staff from 1951 to 1955, and who continued to exert a benevolent influence over the
15 LRC and the legislative process for decades:

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Senate of the Eighty-second Legislature
17 of the State of South Dakota, that all South Dakotans join the Legislature in celebrating the life,
18 personality, and career of Doctor William O. Farber; and

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Executive Board of the Legislative Research
20 Council be directed to acquire a bust, portrait, or other suitable memorial of Doctor Farber for
21 display in the Legislative Research Council offices or in an appropriate legislative area of the
22 State Capitol.