

SENATE COMMEMORATION NO. 1

Introduced by: Senators Maher, Brown, Frerichs, Johnston, Olson (Russell), Rhoden, and Tieszen and Representatives Olson (Betty) and Cammack

A LEGISLATIVE COMMEMORATION, Honoring Bethold (Bert) Fried on his 90th birthday.

WHEREAS, Bethold (Bert) Fried was born on his family farm near White Butte, South Dakota on January 15, 1923, to Christ and Emelia Fried, grew up near Bison, South Dakota, married Mildred Reitdorf on June 18, 1950, and spent most of his life farming near Meadow, South Dakota; and

WHEREAS, Bert is the recipient of the Silver Star from his service in World War II. Bert served in Company A, 14th Tank Battalion, the first tank company to cross the Bridge at Remegen on March 7, 1945, after Germany's failed attempt to destroy the bridge; and

WHEREAS, Bert retired in 1996 and moved to Sturgis, South Dakota where he and Mildred continue to participate in the Sturgis Senior Center and the First Presbyterian Church in Whitewood, South Dakota. Bert and Mildred have 5 children, 12 grandchildren, and 12 great-grandchildren.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT COMMEMORATED, by the Eighty-Eighth Legislature of the State of South Dakota, that Bert will be honored on January 12, 2013, at an open house celebrating his 90th birthday.

