

SENATE COMMEMORATION NO. 13

Introduced by: Senators Brown, Buhl O'Donnell, Haverly, Heineman (Phyllis), Omdahl, Parsley, Peters, Tidemann, Van Gerpen, and White and Representatives Anderson, Bordeaux, Cronin, Dryden, Hunhoff (Jean), Jensen (Alex), Ring, and Romkema

A LEGISLATIVE COMMEMORATION, Honoring South Dakota's Army and Air National Guard outstanding personnel winners.

WHEREAS, the South Dakota Army and Air National Guard consistently are ranked as one of the best Army and Air National Guard units in the nation; and

WHEREAS, South Dakota's Army and Air National Guard units have served this state and nation with distinction in a variety of circumstances including combat deployments around the world, service in response to emergency and disaster events in this state, and maintenance of a training regimen that ensures a superior level of readiness and efficiency. South Dakota's National Guard personnel continue to make personal and professional sacrifices of the highest order in the course of their military service; and

WHEREAS, each year South Dakota's top performing Army and Air National Guard members are honored for their exemplary service. For 2014, the following members were so honored: SOUTH DAKOTA ARMY NATIONAL GUARD--Warrant Officer of the Year - Chief Warrant Officer 4 Howard T. Dressler, Joint Force Headquarters, Rapid City; and SOUTH DAKOTA AIR NATIONAL GUARD--Airman of the Year - Senior Airman Jorri J. Hart, 114th Security Forces Squadron, Sioux Falls; Noncommissioned Officer of the Year - Master Sergeant Paul E. Lupkes, 114th Security Forces Squadron, Sioux Falls; Sr. Noncommissioned Officer of the Year - Senior Master Sergeant Jeremy J. Lehman, 114th Operations Support Squadron, Sioux Falls; 1st Sergeant of the Year - Master Sergeant Shawn L. Greer, Medical Group, Sioux Falls; and Lieutenant of the Year - Captain Nilofar Kabiri Meyer, 114th Fighter Wing, Sioux Falls:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT COMMEMORATED, by the Ninetieth Legislature of the State of



South Dakota, that the Legislature congratulates the above-named members of the South Dakota Army and Air National Guard and conveys its heartfelt gratitude and respect to all of the South Dakota National Guard personnel.