

## SENATE COMMEMORATION NO. 19

Introduced by: Senators Rusch, Ewing, Frerichs, Kennedy, Monroe, Nelson, Novstrup, and Stalzer and Representatives Rasmussen, Duvall, Greenfield (Lana), Heinemann, McCleerey, Mickelson, and Ring

A LEGISLATIVE COMMEMORATION, Honoring Cleo Erickson, "The History Lady," of Vermillion, South Dakota, who knew more about the history of her community than anyone else.

WHEREAS, Cleo Erickson had deep roots in the city of Vermillion and in Clay County and played a vital role in planning the city's sesquicentennial celebration in 2009;

WHEREAS, Cleo Erickson helped preserve the historical home that Vermillion calls the Austin-Whittemore House by writing letters, making telephone calls, and putting forth a great deal of effort to prevent the building from being torn down; and

WHEREAS, Cleo Erickson worked long hours for the Clay County Historical Society and not once did she ask for or receive monetary pay for her service, as she felt preserving the history of Vermillion and Clay County was so important:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT COMMEMORATED, by the Ninety-Second Legislature of the State of South Dakota, that the Legislature honors "The History Lady," Cleo Erickson, from Vermillion, South Dakota, for her hours of volunteer work and effort in preserving and restoring Vermillion's history.

