

State of South Dakota

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SENATE COMMEMORATION NO. 51

Introduced by: Senators Heinert and Killer and Representatives Ahlers and Zikmund

A LEGISLATIVE COMMEMORATION, Honoring Ernest Stevens, Jr. for his generosity and efforts with the Great Plains Christmas Drive.

WHEREAS, Ernest Stevens, Jr. is serving his ninth term representing the Indian gaming industry as the chairman and spokesperson for the National Indian Gaming Association; and

WHEREAS, Ernest Stevens, Jr. lead the National Indian Gaming Association tribes and other gaming organizations from around the country to join the annual Great Plains Christmas Drive; and

WHEREAS, since 2003 the efforts of the National Indian Gaming Association have raised over \$1.5 million to date for the Great Plains Christmas Drive; and

WHEREAS, the contributions raised from the Great Plains Christmas Drive are distributed to tribal nations throughout the Great Plains area including a majority of tribes in South Dakota:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT COMMEMORATED, by the Ninety-Third Legislature of the State of South Dakota, that Ernest Stevens, Jr. be recognized for his years of service to the National Indian Gaming Association and his work with South Dakota tribes through the Great Plains Christmas Drive.