
South Dakota Legislature



Senate Commemoration 805

Introduced by: **Senators** Kolbeck (Steve), Bolin, Crabtree, Deibert, Duhamel, Hoffman, Hunhoff, Larson, Otten (Herman), Pischke, Schoenbeck, Stalzer, and Zikmund and **Representatives** Bahmuller, Duba, Kull, Perry, Reisch, Sjaarda, Stevens, Tordsen, Venhuizen, and Weisgram

A LEGISLATIVE COMMEMORATION, Honoring and remembering the life of Brandon Valley Middle School student Spencer Roger Thorsland.

WHEREAS, Spencer Roger Thorsland, one of the most courageous young men the city of Brandon and the state of South Dakota has ever been privileged to know, passed away tragically after battling cancer for more than three years; and

WHEREAS, Spencer Thorsland, often referred to affectionately as "Doctor Spencer," had a contagious smile and a gift-giving heart, was funny and goofy but also wise and emotionally intelligent beyond his years; and

WHEREAS, Spencer Thorsland was a determined young man, often enduring high levels of discomfort before admitting that he wanted or needed help; and

WHEREAS, Spencer Thorsland, in his own words, anticipated being "pain free" and experiencing peace in a place that is "Like earth, the grass is green, the trees are all green and daylight forever, in a way it's almost peaceful thinking about it":

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT COMMEMORATED, by the Ninety-Ninth Legislature of the State of South Dakota, that Spencer Roger Thorsland is worthy of honor for his courageous fight, his uplifting spirit, and his wisdom, and the Legislature extends its gratitude and condolences to his family.

