

## SENATE COMMEMORATION NO. 9

Introduced by: Senators Tidemann, Cronin, Curd, Frerichs, Greenfield (Brock), Haverly, Kolbeck, Maher, Nesiba, Netherton, Novstrup, Partridge, Peters, Rusch, Wiik, and Youngberg and Representatives Reed, Ahlers, Bartels, Bartling, Chase, Diedrich, DiSanto, Duvall, Hawley, Holmes, Hunhoff, Kettwig, Mills, Rounds, Rozum, Smith, Steinhauer, Wiese, and Wismer

A LEGISLATIVE COMMEMORATION, Honoring the Brookings County Youth Mentoring Program.

WHEREAS, the Brookings County Youth Mentoring Program has been serving the Brookings area for the last twenty years by providing one-on-one, community-based mentoring for any K-12 age child; and

WHEREAS, the Brookings County Youth Mentoring Program takes pride in holding its structured youth mentoring program accountable to standards of Effective Practice for Mentoring established by MENTOR: The National Mentoring Partnership; and

WHEREAS, youth development experts agree that mentoring is critical to the social, emotional, and cognitive development of youth, helping them navigate the path to adulthood more successfully, and, therefore, helping to reverse the often discouraging influence of disintegrating values that seem to surround us; and

WHEREAS, honoring the Brookings County Youth Mentoring Program helps to raise awareness of the societal benefits of youth mentoring, recruit individuals to mentor, and encourage other organizations in South Dakota to engage and integrate quality mentoring into their efforts in order to strengthen the fiber of our communities and state:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT COMMEMORATED, by the Ninety-Third Legislature of the State of South Dakota, that the Brookings County Youth Mentoring Program be honored as an exemplary program and commended for its service to the Brookings community.

