

State of South Dakota

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HOUSE COMMEMORATION NO. 1001

Introduced by: Representatives Lust, Ahlers, Bartels, Bartling, Carson, Conzet, Hawley, Holmes, Hunhoff, Johns, Johnson, Karr, Lake, McPherson, Otten (Herman), Peterson (Sue), Rasmussen, Rozum, Stevens, Tieszen, Turbiville, Wollmann, and York and Senators Haverly, Bolin, Cammack, Cronin, Ewing, Frerichs, Greenfield (Brock), Heinert, Jensen (Phil), Kennedy, Killer, Klumb, Kolbeck, Langer, Maher, Monroe, Netherton, Novstrup, Otten (Ernie), Partridge, Peters, Rusch, Soholt, Solano, Stalzer, Sutton, Tidemann, White, Wiik, and Youngberg

A LEGISLATIVE COMMEMORATION, Honoring and commending Dale Lamphere, of Sturgis, South Dakota, and his team for the monumental sculpture, "Dignity", and Norm and Eunabel McKie, of Rapid City, South Dakota, for their generous financial support of the sculpture project.

WHEREAS, the "Dignity" sculpture towers fifty feet from its perch on the Missouri River bluffs near the city of Chamberlain as a physical monument to the wisdom, courage, and perseverance of the Lakota and Dakota people, and it aims to serve as a symbol of respect and promise the future holds; and

WHEREAS, "Dignity" depicts a Native American woman with a star quilt draped over her shoulders with diamonds in varying hues of blue; and

WHEREAS, Lamphere was named South Dakota Artist Laureate in 2015 for his impressive and prolific body of work, including bronze sculptures in the State Capitol rotunda, and for his support of the arts in the state, and a team led by Lamphere created the landmark sculpture, "Dignity"; and

WHEREAS, Norm and Eunabel McKie have devoted their lives to excellence in business and supporting various civic and philanthropic causes throughout the state, recognized in Norm McKie's 2011 induction into the South Dakota Hall of Fame, and the McKie family's benevolence extended in the form of a donation of one million dollars to fund the "Dignity" sculpture project:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT COMMEMORATED, by the Ninety-Second Legislature of the State of South Dakota, that the Legislature commends and honors Dale Lamphere for his contributions to the arts in South Dakota, evidenced in the landmark "Dignity" sculpture, and Norm and Eunabel McKie for their outstanding generosity and commitment to the state.