

HOUSE COMMEMORATION NO. 1002

Introduced by: Representatives Reed and Hawley and Senator Tidemann

A LEGISLATIVE COMMEMORATION, Honoring and commending Lewis F. Brown, Ph.D., for his service to South Dakota State University and the field of engineering in South Dakota.

WHEREAS, Dr. Brown graduated from South Dakota State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in electrical engineering in 1984, a master's degree in electrical engineering from Iowa State University in 1986, and received a double Ph.D. in electrical engineering and biomedical engineering from ISU in 1988; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Brown returned to SDSU in 1992 as an assistant professor in the Electrical Engineering Department. In 1993, he became the Electrical Engineering Department Head and was then appointed as Dean of the College in 2001, and during Dean Brown's tenure, the college's enrollment increased from 1,300 to nearly 2,000 students; and

WHEREAS, Dean Brown was responsible for creating thirty-four new major and minor academic programs, including fifteen graduate degrees; doubling the accredited programs from four to eight; and establishing two endowed professorships; and

WHEREAS, Dean Brown understood the importance of the connecting South Dakota engineering firms and technology and manufacturing businesses with the College of Engineering and implemented industry advisory boards for every department in the college; and

WHEREAS, Dean Brown lead planning and fundraising efforts for three building projects including the renovation of Solberg Hall, the construction of Daktronics Engineering Hall, and the Architecture, Mathematics, and Engineering Building; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Brown, Dean of the Jerome J. Lohr College of Engineering, will retire on June 30, 2018:



NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT COMMEMORATED, by the Ninety-Third Legislature of the State of South Dakota, that the Legislature commends and honors Lewis F. Brown, Ph.D., for his service to South Dakota State University and the field of engineering in South Dakota.