

## HOUSE COMMEMORATION NO. 1008

Introduced by: Representatives Feinstein, Blake, Cutler, and Thompson and Senators Heidepriem and Knudson

A LEGISLATIVE COMMEMORATION, Honoring Sioux Falls Washington High School teacher Kira Christensen as the recipient of the 2009 Milken Family Foundation National Educator Award.

WHEREAS, Kira Christensen has taught in the Sioux Falls School District since 2004; and

WHEREAS, she has become a master teaching mathematics, especially through the use of technology, to students at the 9-12 grade level; and

WHEREAS, the National Educator Award is considered the "Oscar of Teaching" and honors K-12 teachers, principals, and specialists across the United States; and

WHEREAS, she has exceeded the criteria for the National Educator Award, including exceptional educational talent as evidenced by effective instructional practices and student learning results in the classroom and school, and has exemplary educational accomplishments beyond the classroom that provide models of excellence for the profession whose education contributions are largely unheralded yet worthy of the spotlight. She is an early-to-mid-career educator who offers strong long range potential for professional and policy leadership and has an engaging and inspiring presence that motivates and impacts students, colleagues, and the community:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT COMMEMORATED, by the Eighty-fifth Legislature of the State of South Dakota, that Kira Christensen of Sioux Falls Washington High School be honored for receiving the Milken Family Foundation National Educator Award in 2009.

