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HOUSE COMMEMORATION NO. 1029

Introduced by: Representatives Dennert, Blake, Boomgarden, Brunner, Deelstra, Elliott, Fargen, Feickert, Feinstein, Gibson, Haggar, Hansen (Jon), Hawley, Hickey, Hunhoff (Bernie), Hunt, Iron Cloud III, Jones, Killer, Kirschman, Kopp, Liss, Lucas, Magstadt, Munsterman, Nelson (Stace), Olson (Betty), Perry, Schrempp, Sigdestad, Solum, Steele, Street, Tornow, Venner, Verchio, and Wismer and Senators Buhl, Bradford, Frerichs, and Sutton

A LEGISLATIVE COMMEMORATION, Commending and honoring the life of former Lieutenant Governor William Dougherty for his years of service to South Dakota.

WHEREAS, William Dougherty's rise to prominence began in the 1960's as a Democratic force while chairing John F. Kennedy's presidential race in South Dakota in 1960 and chairing Robert F. Kennedy's in 1968, which helped defeat Hubert Humphrey in the primary; and

WHEREAS, Dougherty was elected as the thirty-first Lieutenant Governor of South Dakota, and served two terms under Governor Richard Kneip from 1971 to 1975; and

WHEREAS, Dougherty would continue to be active in state and national politics, serving as a top advisor to Senator George McGovern's 1972 presidential campaign, which would take him to forty-nine states, and being mentioned in publications such as *Life* magazine and the book *Fear and Loathing on the Campaign Trail of '72*; and

WHEREAS, Dougherty served as a lobbyist in the State Capitol from 1975 to 2009, and successfully represented a variety of prominent businesses and organizations on a wide range of issues; and

WHEREAS, while serving as a lobbyist, Dougherty gained the respect of legislators on both sides of the aisle, as well as his fellow lobbyists, and his advice was constantly sought by elected officials at the local, state, and national levels; and

WHEREAS, Dougherty donated his time and talents to community service by serving as director of the Avera McKennan Hospital, the Avera McKennan Foundation, the South Dakota Banking Commission, and the Sioux Falls Regional Airport Authority; and

WHEREAS, Dougherty was the force behind the creation of the Avera McKennan Free Clinic and he and his brother, Michael Dougherty, were the lead donors for the Dougherty Hospice House; and

WHEREAS, Dougherty was given numerous honors in his life, such as being named an Outstanding Alumnus by South Dakota State University in 1975 and was inducted into the South Dakota Hall of Fame in 2009; and

WHEREAS, after a long-term battle with cancer, Dougherty died at the age of seventy-eight on July 3, 2010; and

WHEREAS, Dougherty is survived by his three children, Patrick, Jennie (Roth), and Timothy and his three grandchildren, Alison and Michael Roth and Catie Dougherty:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT COMMEMORATED, by the Eighty-sixth Legislature of the State of South Dakota, honors William Dougherty for his life's service and dedication to the state of South Dakota and sends its deepest sympathies to his family and friends for their loss.