South Dakota Legislature

House Commemoration 8033

Introduced by: **Representatives** Haugaard, Anderson, Bartels, Beal, Bordeaux, Brunner, Dennert, Diedrich, Duba, Duvall, Finck, Gosch, Lana Greenfield, Gross, Kevin Jensen, Chris Johnson, Mills, Mulally, Herman Otten, Perry, Kent Peterson, Post, Randolph, Reed, Rounds, Wangsness, and Weis and **Senators** Bolin, Ewing, Lake, Monroe, Nesiba, Schoenbeck, Soholt, and Stalzer

A LEGISLATIVE COMMEMORATION, Commending and honoring Jason Hancock for his outstanding service to the South Dakota Legislature.

WHEREAS, Jason Hancock became the director of the Legislative Research Council in August 2014; and

WHEREAS, Jason Hancock has coordinated the administrative affairs of the Legislature in a professional and nonpartisan manner and has skillfully positioned the Legislature for the challenges of a strong, independent branch of government; and

WHEREAS, Jason Hancock has admirably and enthusiastically led efforts to improve the legislative institution, including: an independent IT network, an independent budget system, a new bill drafting system, website redesign, Executive Board retreats, LRC office remodel, and the fiscal program evaluation process; and

WHEREAS, Jason Hancock has provided strong, committed, and engaged leadership in responding to and addressing the recommendations of the 2013 Management and Performance Audit; and

WHEREAS, Jason Hancock will be greatly missed by legislators, legislative staff, and all the others involved in the legislative process in South Dakota:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT COMMEMORATED, by the Ninety-Fifth Legislature of the State of South Dakota, that Jason Hancock is hereby honored for his outstanding service to the South Dakota Legislature and is extended best wishes in his new career opportunity.