

SENATE COMMEMORATION NO. 17

Introduced by: Senators Heinert, Bradford, Buhl O'Donnell, Frerichs, Haverly, Hunhoff (Bernie), Olson, Parsley, Peterson (Jim), Rave, Rusch, Solano, Sutton, and Tieszen and Representatives Killer, Anderson, Bartling, Bolin, Bordeaux, Campbell, Feickert, Gibson, Hawks, Hawley, Kirschman, Marty, May, McCleerey, Ring, Schrempp, and Soli

A LEGISLATIVE COMMEMORATION, Recognizing the 136th anniversary of the Fort Robinson Outbreak and commending the Annual Fort Robinson Memorial Breakout Run.

WHEREAS, in 1877, the military relocated hundreds of Cheyenne to a southern reservation in Oklahoma. In 1878, after becoming assailed by starvation and sickness, Chief Dull Knife and his followers escaped north but eventually surrendered at Fort Robinson, Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, on the cold winter morning of January 9, 1879, after days of imprisonment without food or water, Chief Dull Knife and over one hundred Cheyenne people fought their way out of the barracks of Fort Robinson and began their long dangerous journey back to their home in Montana. In the attempt to escape, many Cheyenne men, women, and children lost their lives; and

WHEREAS, the Annual Fort Robinson Memorial Breakout Run, held on the anniversary of the Fort Robinson Memorial Breakout, honors the sacrifice of the Cheyenne people, as runners retrace the historic four hundred mile trek through Nebraska, South Dakota, Wyoming, and Montana. The run gives young members of the Northern Cheyenne tribe a chance to understand and honor the journey of their ancestors; and

WHEREAS, the 20th Annual Fort Robinson Memorial Run will begin on January 9, 2016, and runners will pass through the Pine Ridge Reservation, Rapid City, and Belle Fourche; and

WHEREAS, the Cheyenne and Lakota tribes are longstanding friends and allies:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT COMMEMORATED, by the Ninetieth Legislature of the State of



South Dakota, that the South Dakota Legislature recognizes the historical significance of the struggles that led to the Fort Robinson Outbreak and commends those who are organizing and participating in the historic Annual Fort Robinson Memorial Breakout Run.