

SENATE COMMEMORATION NO. 17

Introduced by: Senators Brown, Adelstein, Begalka, Bradford, Cutler, Frerichs, Fryslie, Garnos, Gray, Hansen (Tom), Haverly, Heineman, Holien, Hundstad, Hunhoff (Jean), Johnston, Kraus, Krebs, Lederman, Maher, Nelson (Tom), Novstrup (Al), Nygaard, Olson (Russell), Peters, Putnam, Rampelberg, Rave, Rhoden, Schlekeway, Sutton, Tidemann, Tieszen, and Vehle and Representatives Cronin, Abdallah, Bolin, Brunner, Carson, Conzet, Deelstra, Dennert, Dryden, Elliott, Fargen, Feinstein, Gibson, Gosch, Greenfield, Haggar, Hawley, Hickey, Hoffman, Hubbel, Hunhoff (Bernie), Hunt, Iron Cloud III, Jensen, Jones, Juhnke, Killer, Kirkeby, Kirschman, Kloucek, Kopp, Lucas, Lust, Magstadt, Miller, Moser, Munsterman, Nelson (Stace), Novstrup (David), Perry, Rausch, Rozum, Russell, Schaefer, Schrempp, Sigdestad, Sly, Solum, Steele, Street, Stricherz, Tulson, Van Gerpen, Vanneman, Venner, Verchio, White, Wick, Willadsen, Wink, and Wismer

A LEGISLATIVE COMMEMORATION, Commending and honoring Jim Schlekeway, a teacher in the Mobridge-Pollock School District, on his retirement from the school district after forty-three exceptional years in education.

WHEREAS, Jim Schlekeway has been an outstanding educator in the classroom and on the hard court for forty-three years teaching government, social studies, and physical education at Sioux Falls O'Gorman, Todd County, Bloomington, Minnesota, and for the past thirty years in Mobridge; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Schlekeway has been a leader of his peers and colleagues in improving student achievement levels by recognizing the strengths of all his students; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Schlekeway has been a tremendous mentor of teachers, coaches, and students over the past four decades, has taught and coached well over four thousand students, and has been honored as "Teacher of the Year" in the Mobridge-Pollock School District five times; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Schlekeway is widely respected as one of the outstanding coaches in the state,



has four hundred ninety-nine victories in boys basketball as of February 24, 2011, and has logged close to three hundred thousand miles across the state in a bus as a coach of football, basketball, track, and golf; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Schlekeway has always been a voice of the student who did not have a voice and inspired thousands of students and athletes to move forward in life by building confidence in them and by believing in each of them:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT COMMEMORATED, by the Eighty-sixth Legislature of the State of South Dakota, that Jim Schlekeway be commended and honored for his dedication to the teaching profession and the encouragement and inspiration he has given to thousands of students.