

## SENATE COMMEMORATION NO. 18

Introduced by: Senator Hunhoff (Jean) and Representatives Moser, Gibson, and Hunhoff  
(Bernie)

A LEGISLATIVE COMMEMORATION, Honoring the city of Yankton on the one hundred fiftieth anniversary of its establishment as the capital of Dakota Territory.

WHEREAS, Native Americans had a permanent camp near the juncture of the James and Missouri Rivers more than 200 hundred years ago and called it Ihanktonwan (end village), a name later abbreviated to Yankton; and

WHEREAS, the American explorers Lewis and Clark visited the Sioux village of Ihanktonwan in both 1804 and 1806 on their famous adventures along the Missouri River valley; and

WHEREAS, white settlers built one of their first permanent dwellings, the Frost-Todd Trading Post, in 1857 at the site which was then known also as Strike-the-Ree's Camp in honor of the famous chief of the Yanktonnais; and

WHEREAS, President James Buchanan named Yankton the capital of Dakota Territory on March 2, 1861, in the closing hours of his presidency; and

WHEREAS, two days later, President Abraham Lincoln appointed his personal physician, William Jayne, to become the first Governor of Dakota Territory on March 4, 1861; and

WHEREAS, territorial Governors, legislators, and other politicians and pioneers boldly trail-blazed the development of South Dakota as well as neighboring North Dakota, Montana, and Wyoming, accomplishing many great deeds that benefit the citizens of these states to this very day; and

WHEREAS, all South Dakotans will note the anniversary of these momentous events in Dakota Territory with a celebration June 2-4, 2011, to include an historical pageant, concerts, music, and



other activities; and

WHEREAS, the Dakota Territorial Museum in Yankton will host celebrations through the summer to highlight Territorial Days and the accomplishments of early citizens who promoted the region to settlers and town-builders, and supplied their journeys of new beginnings; and

WHEREAS, Yankton's citizens have enriched America's culture through achievements in the arts, medicine, history, education, athletics, and public service:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT COMMEMORATED, by the Eighty-sixth Legislature of the State of South Dakota, that the Legislature celebrates the anniversary of Yankton, South Dakota, becoming the capital of Dakota Territory one hundred fifty years ago and calls upon the people of South Dakota to join Yanktonians in celebrating the "Mother City of the Dakotas."