

SENATE COMMEMORATION NO. 40

Introduced by: Senators Nelson, Curd, DiSanto, Ewing, Greenfield (Brock), Heinert, Jensen (Phil), Langer, Partridge, Russell, Smith (VJ), Solano, Stalzer, Steinhauer, and Sutton and Representatives Frye-Mueller, Borglum, Diedrich, Finck, Goodwin, Gross, Howard, Jensen (Kevin), Johnson (Chris), Johnson (David), Koth, Lesmeister, Marty, McCleerey, Mulally, Peterson (Sue), Pourier, Randolph, Ring, and Zikmund

A LEGISLATIVE COMMEMORATION, Recognizing and commending Captain Frank Mercurio on being selected as Company Grade Officer of the Year of the 28th Bomb Wing at Ellsworth Air Force Base.

WHEREAS, Captain Frank Mercurio authored the 34th Bomb Squadron's B-1 weapons delivery training plan, which enabled the first combat use of the Joint Air-to-Surface Standoff Missile within six days of the start of a deployment; and

WHEREAS, the leadership of Captain Mercurio exemplifies the Air Force core values of excellence, service, and sacrifice, fostering the success of his troops and bolstering the effectiveness of the 28th Bomb Wing mission - to provide airpower anytime, anywhere; and

WHEREAS, Captain Frank Mercurio's distinctive accomplishments reflect credit upon himself, the United States Air Force, and the State of South Dakota:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT COMMEMORATED, by the Ninety-Fourth Legislature of the State of South Dakota, that the Legislature commends Captain Frank Mercurio on being selected Company Grade Officer of the Year of the 28th Bomb Wing.

