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Senate Commemoration 812

Introduced by: **Senators** Schoenfish, Hunhoff, Nesiba, Herman Otten, Schoenbeck, V. J. Smith, Steinhauer, Wiik, and Zikmund and **Representatives** Kent Peterson, Bartels, Barthel, Bordeaux, Cwach, Duba, Finck, Olson, Overweg, Perry, Pourier, Jamie Smith, and Stevens

A LEGISLATIVE COMMEMORATION, Honoring the city of Tabor, South Dakota on its one hundred fiftieth anniversary.

WHEREAS, Tabor is in the northeast quarter of section 23, township 94, range 58 and is located three hundred and forty miles southeast of Rapid City, eighty-four miles southwest of Sioux Falls, eighty miles northwest of Sioux City, Iowa, seventy-five miles northwest of Norfolk, Nebraska, sixty-five miles southeast of Mitchell, eighteen miles northwest of Yankton, and eleven miles southeast of Tyndall; and

WHEREAS, the area surrounding Tabor consists of rolling land with river and creek bluffs, its soil is a productive black loam, and its chief products are agriculture-related, including vegetables and fruits; and

WHEREAS, most of the citizens in and near Tabor were originally of southern Bohemia, Czech Republic, or Slovakian descent, and were predominantly Roman Catholic, with occupations that revolved around the agriculture industry; and

WHEREAS, Tabor Elementary School K-5 is part of the Bon Homme School District and is located north of St. Wenceslaus Church. St. Wenceslaus Church is one hundred and fifty years old and the church building is one hundred and twenty years old and adjoins the historical cemetery; and

WHEREAS, Tabor boasts of having three public parks including Leonard Cimpl Park, Takota Park, and Vancura Memorial Park that includes the Czech Heritage pioneer mini-village; Tabor also affords a unique experience to view all handcrafted items at the Blachnick Museum; and

WHEREAS, all of Tabor's streets are hard-surfaced and the town has an underground water storage tank that receives water from the B-Y Rural Water District located southeast of Tabor that receives water from Lewis and Clark Lake. Bon Homme Yankton Electric Association located in Tabor provides electricity and internet to the town. Local telephone service from

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Tabor to Tyndall and from Tabor to Yankton is available with the internet, and cable TV service is provided by Ft. Randall Telephone Service; and

WHEREAS, Tabor celebrates its founding ethnic heritage each year with a celebration drawing thousands of people for Czech Days. Tabor will also celebrate its sesquicentennial on Saturday, April 23, 2022, with many events planned:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT COMMEMORATED, by the Ninety-Seventh Legislature of the State of South Dakota, that the town of Tabor, South Dakota be honored for one hundred and fifty years of existence and its service to the people who have lived in or have been associated with this community.

