

Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, The state of South Dakota is the home of Barbara Vlietstra, and we are richer because Barbara lives among us; and,

Whereas, Birthdays commemorate the first day of our lives, and we celebrate the birthdays of those we love, as we recognize the joys and sorrows we have shared, the strength we have gained from the obstacles and hardships we have conquered, and the small daily pleasures life offers; and,

Whereas, Barbara Assmus was born July 13, 1939; and,

Whereas, Barbara married Hank Vlietstra and to this reunion they had three sons; and,

Whereas, For the past 50 years, Barbara has worked for the same employer in Stickney, South Dakota. She began as a bookkeeper at the Aurora Co-op Oil Agronomy Center, now known as the South Dakota Wheat Growers, and is the office manager; and,

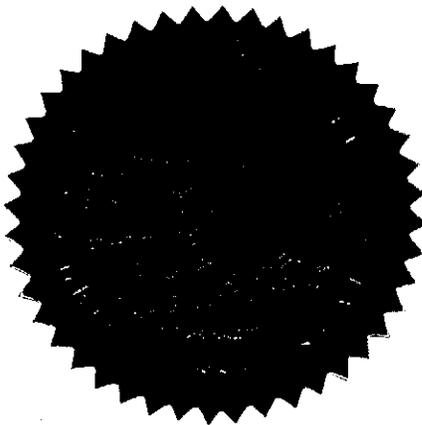
Whereas, Barbara has also dedicated her skills as the organist for St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Stickney for approximately 60 years.

Whereas, Barbara will observe her 73rd Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as her family and friends honor her and celebrate her life; and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a woman who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim July 13, 2012, as

BARBARA VLIETSTRA DAY

in South Dakota, and I join her family and friends in wishing her a very happy birthday, good health, and great happiness.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fourteenth Day of June in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Twelve.

Dennis Daugaard

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Jason M. Cant

Jason M. Cant, Secretary of State