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Legislature Honors Pierre Woman for Work with Prison Inmates

(Pierre) – A Pierre woman who won a national award for her work with state prison inmates has been recognized for her efforts by the state legislature.

Teresa Johnson was named Region IV Correctional Education Association Teacher of the Year in 2003. She is employed by the Right Turn in Pierre and the state contracts for her services as a teacher at the South Dakota Women's Prison.

Rep. Tim Rounds read House Commemoration 1013 on the floor of the House of Representatives and introduced Johnson, who was present in the gallery.

Johnson helps prepare inmates for their General Education Development (GED) exams and administers Tests of Adult Basic Education (TABE). Johnson also teaches classes on a variety of subjects including Corrective Thinking, Anger and Stress Management and the Impact of Crime on Victims.

A copy of the commemoration is available on the legislative Research Council website at <http://legis.state.sd.us/sessions/2004/bills/HC1013p.pdf>.

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A view of the House Commemoration for Teresa Johnson.



Rep. Tim Rounds reads the commemoration.



Teresa Johnson (standing) is recognized by the House.



From left to right: Rep. Tim Rounds, Sen. Patti de Hueck, Corrections Secretary Tim Reisch, Governor Mike Rounds, Teresa Johnson, Rep. Ryan Olson.