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Abourezk to Sign Books in Pierre

PIERRE, S.D. – Former U.S. Sen. James Abourezk will be in Pierre on Friday, Oct. 25, to sign copies of his book “Advise & Dissent: Memoirs of an Ex-Senator.”

Book signings will take place from 2-4 p.m. CDT at the Cultural Heritage Center, 900 Governors Dr., and from 4:30-6 p.m. at Prairie Pages Bookseller, 321 S. Pierre St.

Abourezk, who lives in Sioux Falls, represented South Dakota as a Democrat in the U.S. House of Representatives from 1971-1973 and in the U.S. Senate from 1973-1979.

A paperback edition of “Advise & Dissent” was published by the University of Nebraska Press in September. “Advise & Dissent” tells Abourezk’s story, from his coming of age as the son of Lebanese immigrants in South Dakota to his entrance into and voluntary exit from the U.S. Senate.

The book signing at the Cultural Heritage Center is sponsored by the South Dakota Historical Society Foundation, which is the nonprofit fundraising partner of the South Dakota State Historical Society.

“Abourezk’s story is of a man who went from modest circumstances to become a United States senator,” said Foundation President Michael Lewis. “He was a significant contributor to the political environment in South Dakota.”

Copies of the book will be available at the book signing.

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The South Dakota Historical Society Foundation is a private charitable nonprofit that seeks funding to assist the South Dakota State Historical Society in programming and projects to preserve South Dakota’s history and heritage for future generations.

The South Dakota State Historical Society is a division of the Department of Tourism. The Department of Tourism is comprised of Tourism, the South Dakota Arts Council, and the State Historical Society. The Department is led by Secretary James D. Hagen. The State Historical Society, an Affiliate of the Smithsonian Institution, is headquartered at the South Dakota Cultural Heritage Center in Pierre. The center houses the society’s world-class museum, the archives, and the historic preservation, publishing and administrative/development offices. Call (605) 773-3458 or visit www.history.sd.gov for more information. The society also has an archaeology office in Rapid City; call (605) 394-1936 for more information.