



2021 South Dakota Legislature

House Commemoration 8001

*Introduced by: **Representative Phil Jensen** and **Senator Frye-Mueller***

1 **A LEGISLATIVE COMMEMORATION, Honoring Rapid City police officers Nick**
 2 **Armstrong and James Ryan McCandless for making the ultimate sacrifice in**
 3 **the line of duty and commending police officer Tim Doyle for his bravery and**
 4 **service to the Rapid City community.**

5 WHEREAS, August 2, 2021, marks the ten-year anniversary of the tragic incident in which
 6 police officers Nick Armstrong and James Ryan McCandless were fatally shot during a routine
 7 police stop in Rapid City. The event that took the lives of Armstrong and McCandless shocked
 8 and saddened both the Rapid City community and the citizens of South Dakota. Armstrong
 9 and McCandless were the first Rapid City police offers killed in the line of duty since 1916;
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11 WHEREAS, Armstrong, a two-year veteran of the Rapid City Police Department, and
 12 McCandless, a six-year veteran, were dedicated and selfless public servants. They protected
 13 their community with honor and were deeply loved by family, friends, and colleagues. The
 14 years of grief and loss of the families of Armstrong and McCandless should be recognized;
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16 WHEREAS, Tim Doyle, also a Rapid City police officer injured during the incident, should
 17 be commended for his bravery in the line of duty and for his continued service to the Rapid
 18 City community:

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT COMMEMORATED, by the Ninety-Sixth Legislature of the State
 20 of South Dakota, that Nick Armstrong and James Ryan McCandless be honored and
 21 remembered for selflessly giving their lives in the line of duty.