



## 2021 South Dakota Legislature

# Senate Commemoration 809

Introduced by: **Senator Cammack**

1    **A LEGISLATIVE COMMEMORATION, Honoring and commending Blair Brothers as the**  
 2    **2020 Leopold Conservation Award recipient.**

3    WHEREAS, the Leopold Conservation Award, named for renowned conservationist Aldo  
 4    Leopold, recognizes farm and ranch families who demonstrate outstanding conservation  
 5    leadership on their land and in their communities, and a commitment to the health of South  
 6    Dakota's natural resources—qualities exemplified by Blair Brothers as the recipient of the  
 7    2020 Leopold Conservation Award; and

8    WHEREAS, the cow-calf, stocker, and feed lot business spans forty thousand acres of  
 9    deeded and leased rangeland near the Black Hills of western South Dakota; and

10    WHEREAS, embracing conservation practices that enhance soil, water, livestock, and  
 11    wildlife has allowed the ranch to evolve and grow with each generation since Enos Blair  
 12    established it more than a century ago; and

13    WHEREAS, in addition to providing leadership to livestock and general agriculture  
 14    organizations, the ranch has formed working partnerships with local, state, and national  
 15    agencies and organizations to learn new conservation practices; and

16    WHEREAS, the human side to the ranch's overall sustainability includes creating a  
 17    succession plan, diversifying ranch assets, and sharing knowledge with the next generation  
 18    and other ranchers; and

19    WHEREAS, as a result of their dedication to conservation over the past four decades, the  
 20    Blairs were awarded the 2020 Public Land Council's Sagebrush Steppe Stewardship Award  
 21    and continue to see their ranch change, grow, and thrive, knowing that they are leaving things  
 22    better for the next generation;

1        NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT COMMEMORATED, by the Ninety-Sixth Legislature of the State  
2 of South Dakota, that Blair Brothers be honored and commended for earning the 2020 Leopold  
3 Conservation Award.