



## 2021 South Dakota Legislature

# Senate Commemoration 815

*Introduced by: **Senator Brock Greenfield** and **Representative Lana Greenfield***

1 **A LEGISLATIVE COMMEMORATION, Honoring and commending Jamie Johnson as**  
 2 **the 2020 National Association of Conservation Districts/Natural Resources**  
 3 **Conservation Service Olin Sims Conservation Leadership Award recipient.**

4 WHEREAS, the National Association of Conservation Districts/USDA-Natural Resources  
 5 Conservation Service Olin Sims Conservation Leadership Award, named in memory of a leader  
 6 in national conservation initiatives, recognizes Jamie Johnson as an up-and-coming leader  
 7 who demonstrates excellence in promoting and leading voluntary conservation on private  
 8 lands; and

9 WHEREAS, Jamie, her husband Brian, and family, farm two-thousand-three-hundred acres  
 10 of crop and grassland near Frankfort, using their thirst for knowledge to find better and more  
 11 sustainable ways to work within agriculture, thereby becoming an outstanding voice for  
 12 agriculture and conservation not only in South Dakota but nationally; and

13 WHEREAS, as Spink County Conservation District supervisor, Jamie initiated a twenty-  
 14 acre regenerative agriculture demonstration plot that showcases the benefits of implementing  
 15 the five principles of soil health and how they can reduce dependency on herbicides,  
 16 pesticides, and fungicides; and

17 WHEREAS, Jamie is the first vice president of the South Dakota Soybean Association  
 18 (SDSA), serving on the SDSA committees focusing on producer education and outreach, as  
 19 well as chair of SDSA's Conservation Committee which strives to protect the rights of South  
 20 Dakota producers to farm in a sustainable manner; and

21 WHEREAS, education has been a cornerstone of Jamie's work in South Dakota's agriculture  
 22 community and she has highlighted women in agriculture and represented ag organizations  
 23 on local television programs; is a mentor for soil health; and works with local schools, Future  
 24 Farmers of America (FFA) Chapters, and 4-H clubs to teach the importance of soil health to  
 25 all ages by helping create the next generation of conservation-minded producers. Jamie and

1 her husband were featured in the Merit or Myth video series addressing misconceptions for  
2 adopting conservation practices and discussing sustainable agriculture; and

3 WHEREAS, Jamie is a graduate of the South Dakota Agricultural and Rural Leadership  
4 Program and was a master gardener intern; and

5 WHEREAS, Jamie and her family received the South Dakota Leopold Award in 2019 and  
6 received the Region 7 Environmental Stewardship Award in 2020, which included a nomination  
7 for the 2021 National Environmental Stewardship Award:

8 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT COMMEMORATED, by the Ninety-Sixth Legislature of the State  
9 of South Dakota, that Jamie Johnson be honored and commended for earning the 2020  
10 National Association of Conservation Districts/USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service  
11 Olin Sims Conservation Leadership Award.