



2021 South Dakota Legislature

Senate Commemoration 822

Introduced by: **Senator Foster**

1 **A LEGISLATIVE COMMEMORATION, To honor and commend Teton Saltes on being**
2 **the Wuerffel Trophy's 2020 recipient.**

3 WHEREAS, the Wuerffel Trophy was established in 2005 to honor FBS college football
4 athletes who are serving others, while also achieving greatness on the football field and in
5 the classroom. The Wuerffel Trophy was the first major college football award that honored
6 service to others; and

7 WHEREAS, Saltes was named the 2020 winner of the Wuerffel Trophy, becoming the
8 Wuerffel Trophy's first Mountain West Conference, Native American, and South Dakota
9 recipient; and

10 WHEREAS, Saltes overcame many obstacles as an indigenous student, while achieving
11 academic honors including being named three-time Lobo Scholar-Athlete and two-time
12 Mountain West All-Academic; and

13 WHEREAS, Saltes was honored over the summer of 2020 as Lobo Hero for his work on the
14 front lines of the COVID-19 crisis, working with his native Oglala Lakota tribe in South Dakota
15 to distribute supplies to those on his home reservation, which has been disproportionately
16 impacted by the pandemic; and

17 WHEREAS, Saltes also worked with the Oglala Sioux Tribe Sweetgrass Project, which
18 works in suicide awareness and suicide prevention, volunteering to work the suicide
19 prevention hotline as a peer mentor, as well as speaking on suicide awareness and prevention
20 on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation and others within the state;

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT COMMEMORATED, by the Ninety-Sixth Legislature of the State
22 of South Dakota, that the Legislature honors and commends Teton Saltes for his outstanding
23 accomplishments in the classroom, on the field, and in his community.