



2022 South Dakota Legislature

Senate Commemoration 808

Introduced by: **Senator Duvall** and **Representatives Mortenson** and **Weisgram**

1 **A LEGISLATIVE COMMEMORATION, Honoring Prairie Paradise Farms as the 2021**
2 **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, is exemplified by Prairie Paradise Farms as the recipient of the
7 2021 Leopold Conservation Award; and

8 WHEREAS, Levi and Crystal Neuharth, from Hayes, took over management of Prairie
9 Paradise Farms in 2016, and make decisions based on the five principles of soil health; and

10 WHEREAS, a diverse rotation of no-tilled crops allows the Prairie Paradise Farms to capture
11 different markets and spread out the risk from weather events, and the custom grazing
12 business provides daily monitoring and frequent rotations for cattle to fresh pastures; and

13 WHEREAS, a herd of one hundred dairy goats and a free-range flock of one hundred and
14 fifty laying hens are an important and beneficial enterprise for the farm as well as 4-H projects
15 for Johnathon, Justin, and Kaydee Neuharth; and

16 WHEREAS, Prairie Paradise Farms hosts a family day in May where visitors partake in
17 hands-on educational stations on topics including livestock, insects, germinating seeds, soil
18 layers, and grain identification; and

19 WHEREAS, the Neuharths have planted nearly twenty miles of trees to create a wildlife
20 habitat;

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT COMMEMORATED, by the Ninety-Seventh Legislature of the
22 State of South Dakota, that Prairie Paradise Farms is recognized and commended for earning
23 the 2021 Leopold Conservation Award in South Dakota.