



2022 South Dakota Legislature

House Commemoration 8007

Introduced by: **Representative** Lesmeister

1 **A LEGISLATIVE COMMEMORATION, honoring and remembering the life of Betty Lou**
2 **Kost.**

3 WHEREAS, Betty Lou was born on March 11, 1933, to Jack and Alberta Strong near Glad
4 Valley, SD, and left this world on September 6, 2021; and

5 WHEREAS, Betty Lou loved her family and the family ranching and farming operation, and
6 was a partner in the operation her entire life; and

7 WHEREAS, Betty Lou lost her husband Anton to a farm accident in 1987, when she was
8 only fifty-four years old, but she continued to forge ahead as the director for the Production
9 Credit Association, and was presented the South Dakota Pioneering Spirit Award in 1988; and

10 WHEREAS, Betty Lou was a teacher for forty-eight years, was honored as the National
11 NAIA Teacher of the Year in 1993, and retired from teaching in 2002; and

12 WHEREAS, Betty Lou loved the sport of rodeo and donated countless buckles, awards, and
13 sponsorships to rodeo across this state and wrote letters encouraging children to succeed and
14 be proud of their accomplishments in rodeo; and

15 WHEREAS, Betty Lou knew the value of hard work, in and out of the rodeo arena, having
16 passed those values on to her family, and was honored to be inducted into the Casey Tibbs
17 Hall of Fame as a rodeo promoter in 2003; and

18 WHEREAS, Betty Lou lived with Parkinson's disease for fifteen years before her death, but
19 never let it get her down, and continued to live her life with grit and determination until the
20 very end, with her last words being "I loved what I did";

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT COMMEMORATED, by the Ninety-Seventh Legislature of the
22 State of South Dakota, that the Legislature extends condolences to the family of Betty Lou
23 Kost and honors and remembers her remarkable life.