



## 2022 South Dakota Legislature

# House Commemoration 8011

Introduced by: **Representative** Cwach

1 **A LEGISLATIVE COMMEMORATION, Celebrating one hundred years of WNAX radio.**

2 WHEREAS, on November 25, 1922, WNAX began broadcasting music from a “talking  
 3 machine” as a part of the fiftieth anniversary of First National Bank, now known as First  
 4 Dakota National Bank, and was home to many household names, such as House of Gurney,  
 5 Lawrence Welk Novelty Orchestra, and The Neighbor Lady; and

6 WHEREAS, in 1943 WNAX built a new broadcast tower, the tallest in the United States at  
 7 the time, and to celebrate the tower, WNAX threw a party in Yankton with an estimated thirty  
 8 thousand people in attendance; and

9 WHEREAS, through excellent programming and a commitment to quality reporting, WNAX  
 10 continues to be a favored source of news and programming despite a changing media  
 11 landscape. News Director for WNAX, Jerry Oster stated, “Radio’s been pronounced dead half  
 12 a dozen times. TV was going to kill it, the Internet’s going to kill it. But we’re still here.”; and

13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT COMMEMORATED, by the Ninety-Seventh Legislature of the  
 14 State of South Dakota, that the Legislature recognizes the continued success and 100th  
 15 anniversary of WNAX Radio Station.