



2022 South Dakota Legislature

Senate Commemoration 821

Introduced by: **Senator Brock Greenfield**

1 **A LEGISLATIVE COMMEMORATION, Honoring Angela Ehlers for being the 2021**
 2 **recipient of the Spirit of Dakota award.**

3 WHEREAS, this state has been built on the shoulders of great women—true pioneers who
 4 have gone forth in an assertive and determined manner to improve our communities and
 5 better our state; and

6 WHEREAS, Angela Ehlers is one of those great women—focusing on "we" not "me,"
 7 remembering from where we came, identifying where we need to go, and determining how
 8 we can get there; and

9 WHEREAS, after graduating from South Dakota State University with degrees in
 10 agricultural business and commercial economics, Angela Ehlers set out to preserve her
 11 heritage and the land around her for future generations, and to leave that land in a better
 12 place for the benefit of future generations; and

13 WHEREAS, Angela Ehlers managed the American Creek Conservation District and served
 14 for thirty-two years as the executive director of the South Dakota Association of Conservation
 15 Districts, while also being an emergency medical technician, a member of various councils
 16 and committees at her church in Presho, and the president of the Avera St. Mary's Hospital
 17 Foundation in Pierre; and

18 WHEREAS, the State of South Dakota owes Angela Ehlers a debt of gratitude for her
 19 selfless efforts in the areas of conservation and for her ability to inspire current and future
 20 leaders;

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT COMMEMORATED, by the Ninety-Seventh Legislature of the
 22 State of South Dakota, that the incredible accomplishments of Angela Ehlers are worthy of
 23 note, that her gift of lifelong service to this state is worthy of gratitude, and that her status
 24 as the newest recipient of the Spirit of Dakota is worthy of our highest praise.