



2022 South Dakota Legislature

House Commemoration 8014

Introduced by: **Representative** Pourier

1 **A LEGISLATIVE COMMEMORATION, Honoring the life and service of Dr. Arthur W.**
2 **Zimiga.**

3 WHEREAS, Dr. Arthur W. Zimiga, a member of the Oglala Lakota Teton Nation, is a globally
4 known Native American educator with over thirty years of experience in education and
5 business. Dr. Zimiga earned a bachelor's degree in psychology and sociology from University
6 of Sioux Falls and a master's and doctorate degree in education from Harvard University,
7 where he was a member of the Phi Beta Kappa honors society; and

8 WHEREAS, Dr. Zimiga has taught at the University of South Dakota, Harvard University,
9 Oglala Lakota College, and University of California at Los Angeles, and lectured at numerous
10 other universities, conferences, and workshops. He has an extensive background in Native
11 American culture and a specialty in Lakota culture; and

12 WHEREAS, over the course of his career, Dr. Zimiga has worked extensively with federal,
13 state, tribal, and private agencies. He has supervised over 3,000 employees at various
14 locations and worked with 17 tribal chairmen in the Great Plains Area and six state governors.
15 Those who are close to Dr. Zimiga can confirm that his memorable leadership skills, sense of
16 humor, and can-do attitude are next to none;

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT COMMEMORATED, by the Ninety-Seventh Legislature of the
18 State of South Dakota, that Dr. Arthur W. Zimiga's life and service to the State of South
19 Dakota is honored and commended.