



2023 South Dakota Legislature

House Commemoration 8015

Introduced by: **Representative Moore**

1 **A LEGISLATIVE COMMEMORATION, Honoring Rod Bowar for his life, achievement,**
 2 **and legacy.**

3 WHEREAS, Rod Bowar lived his life dedicated to his family and to the betterment of his
 4 community, industry, and state; and

5 WHEREAS, Rod Bowar was offered a job with the Kennebec Telephone Company and was
 6 eventually given the opportunity to purchase the company and become its president; and

7 WHEREAS, Rod Bowar's entrepreneurial spirit spurred him to start many businesses,
 8 providing numerous jobs and continued service to his community; and

9 WHEREAS, Rod Bowar inherited the family passion for fighting fire from his father, and
 10 provided a strong example of the commitment to protect and serve the people of Kennebec
 11 and the surrounding communities for his son, Chaz, to carry on; and

12 WHEREAS, Rod Bowar was a longtime leader in the rural telecommunications industry,
 13 serving on the board of directors for SDN; and was a longtime president of the South Dakota
 14 Telecommunications Association; and

15 WHEREAS, Rod Bowar assisted the growth and development of numerous young people
 16 from his community by his support of local schools, scholarship programs, and mentorship;
 17 and

18 WHEREAS, Rod Bowar was involved in improving his community and state by serving in
 19 the Kennebec Volunteer Fire Department, Kennebec Town Board, Dakota Prairie Bank Board,
 20 SDN Board, FRRPA Board, SDTA Board, Kennebec Town and Country Club, Presho Area
 21 Chamber, Medicine Creek Lions Club, South Dakota Hall of Fame Board, Badlands Fire District
 22 Director, MTI Foundation Board, and South Dakota Board of Technical Education, among
 23 others; and

1 WHEREAS, Rod Bowar was dedicated to his wonderful family and numerous friends:

2 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT COMMEMORATED, by the Ninety-Eighth Legislature of the State
3 of South Dakota, that Rod Bowar had a well-lived life and greatly benefitted his community,
4 industry, and our great state.