



2023 South Dakota Legislature

House Commemoration 8016

Introduced by: **Representative** Mortenson

1 **A LEGISLATIVE COMMEMORATION, Celebrating the profound commitment and**
2 **accomplishments of Dr. Rick and Valerie Melmer in developing leaders in**
3 **South Dakota.**

4 WHEREAS, Dr. Rick and Valerie Melmer are champions of leadership in this state, having
5 founded the Leadership South Dakota program in 2015, which is dedicated to building
6 positive, strong, and educated leaders; and

7 WHEREAS, Dr. Rick and Valerie Melmer have directly impacted 421 individuals from every
8 corner of the state, helping them grow as leaders for the betterment of themselves as well as
9 their families, employers, and communities; and

10 WHEREAS, Dr. Rick and Valerie Melmer, have indirectly impacted countless other
11 individuals, families, employers, and communities in the state and will continue to do so as
12 they depart from their work with the Leadership South Dakota program this spring:

13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT COMMEMORATED, by the Ninety-Eighth Legislature of the State
14 of South Dakota, that Dr. Rick and Valerie Melmer are recognized for their accomplishments
15 and commitment to the continued development of future generations of leaders for all of
16 South Dakota.