2023 South Dakota Legislature

House Commemoration 8017

Introduced by: **Representative** *Mortenson*

1 **A LEGISLATIVE COMMEMORATION, Recognizing Lincoln Kienholz's high school**
2 **athletic achievement and commitment to play collegiate football.**

3   WHEREAS, Lincoln Kienholz, a senior and three-sport athlete at T.F. Riggs High School in
4 Pierre, South Dakota, verbally committed to playing collegiate football at The Ohio State
5 University on December 14, 2022, becoming the second player to have done so in South
6 Dakota history; and

7   WHEREAS, as a three-year starting quarterback for the Pierre Governors, Mr. Kienholz led
8 the team to three consecutive wins at the Class 11AA State Championship in 2020, 2021, and
9 2022. Mr. Kienholz is one of the most statistically impressive quarterbacks in South Dakota
10 high school football history, having thrown a total of 9,100 yards and 104 touchdowns
11 throughout his career, becoming the state's all-time passing yards leader this past fall; and

12   WHEREAS, Mr. Kienholz has received numerous accolades for his athletic achievement,
13 including three consecutive Joe Robbie MVP awards at the 11AA State Championship, the
14 2022 MaxPreps South Dakota High School Football Player of the Year, the 2022-2023 South
15 Dakota Gatorade Football Player of the Year, and a first team selection on the 2022 Class AA
16 all-state basketball team. Prior to his commitment to The Ohio State, Mr. Kienholz had
17 received offers to play collegiate football from multiple NCAA Division I universities; and

18   WHEREAS, in addition to his athletic prowess, Mr. Kienholz also shows excellence in the
19 classroom, having maintained an excellent grade point average and becoming a member of
20 the National Honor Society:

21   NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT COMMEMORATED, by the Ninety-Eighth Legislature of the State
22 of South Dakota, that the Legislature congratulates Lincoln Kienholz on a stellar high school
23 athletic career and wishes him every success at the collegiate level in football.