



## 2024 South Dakota Legislature

# House Commemoration 8004

Introduced by: **Representative** Teunissen

1 **A LEGISLATIVE COMMEMORATION, Honoring Sophie Spier of Sioux Falls, South**  
2 **Dakota Girls State Governor, and Gavin Pischke of Hartford, South Dakota**  
3 **Boys State Governor, and commending the South Dakota American Legion**  
4 **and Auxiliary for their sponsorship and coordination of the Girls State and**  
5 **Boys State programs.**

6 WHEREAS, Sophie Spier and Gavin Pischke were selected to serve in the highest office in  
7 the Girls State and Boys State programs, respectively, and are outstanding young South  
8 Dakota leaders; and

9 WHEREAS, the goals of Boys State and Girls State are to help youth understand and  
10 appreciate the American system of government and way of life, including the rights and  
11 responsibilities of citizenship; and to give better knowledge of the fundamental principles of  
12 government within the State of South Dakota through a unique learn-by-doing workshop; and

13 WHEREAS, the South Dakota American Legion and Auxiliary have worked diligently for  
14 more than eighty years in conducting these fine programs:

15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT COMMEMORATED, by the Ninety-Ninth Legislature of the State  
16 of South Dakota, that Sophie Spier was elected South Dakota Girls State Governor and Gavin  
17 Pischke was elected South Dakota Boys State Governor; that many donated their time and  
18 energy to facilitate these programs; and that the South Dakota American Legion and Auxiliary  
19 have admirably sponsored and conducted Boys State and Girls State for over eighty years.