



## 2024 South Dakota Legislature

# House Commemoration 8005

Introduced by: **Representatives** Reisch, Koth, Mills, Moore, Mortenson, Perry, Pinnow, Stevens, and Venhuizen and **Senators** Crabtree, Reed, Schoenbeck, and Zikmund

1    **A LEGISLATIVE COMMEMORATION, Recognizing and celebrating the De Smet**  
 2            **Bulldogs as the 2021, 2022, and 2023 Class B boys' basketball state**  
 3            **champions.**

4            WHEREAS, the 2020-2021 season marked the beginning of an impressive legacy for the  
 5            De Smet Bulldogs basketball team under the leadership of coach Jeff Gruenhagen. Sporting  
 6            a strong defense, the team held their opponents to an average of forty points per game and  
 7            entered the Class B state tournament with a record of 22-1. The Bulldogs powered their way  
 8            to the championship, and ultimately defeated Aberdeen Christian 59-43; and

9            WHEREAS, the Bulldogs won their first two games of the state championship tournament  
 10           with scores of 60-28 and 67-45 and ultimately reached the championship against a formidable  
 11           Lower Brule team. After starting the game slowly, the Bulldogs dominated the second half  
 12           and defended their championship crown with a 49-26 victory; and

13           WHEREAS, the Bulldogs held their opponents to an average of forty points per game  
 14           throughout the season, ending the season with a record of 20-3. The Bulldogs won the first  
 15           two games of the championship tournament, defeating Viborg-Hurley 51-47 and Aberdeen  
 16           Christian 46-31, to earn their third consecutive appearance in the state championship game,  
 17           where they defeated top-seeded Lower Brule by a convincing score of 62-48 to again claim  
 18           the Class B championship title:

19           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT COMMEMORATED, by the Ninety-Ninth Legislature of the State  
 20           of South Dakota, that the De Smet boys' basketball team has won three consecutive state  
 21           basketball championship tournaments and is the 2023 Class B boys' basketball state  
 22           champion.