



2024 South Dakota Legislature

House Commemoration 8006

Introduced by: **Representatives** Weisgram, Moore, Mortenson, Perry, Pinnow, Pourier, Reisch, Venhuizen, and Wittman and **Senators** Mehlhaff, Reed, Rohl, Schoenbeck, and Zikmund

1 **A LEGISLATIVE COMMEMORATION, Celebrating Doris Neilan as the first woman to**
2 **serve as a sergeant-at-arms in the South Dakota Legislature.**

3 WHEREAS, Doris Neilan of Pierre was appointed as a sergeant-at-arms of the South
4 Dakota Senate for the Fiftieth Session of the South Dakota State Legislature in 1975; and

5 WHEREAS, Neilan made history in that capacity as the first woman ever to serve as a
6 sergeant-at-arms in the South Dakota Legislature; and

7 WHEREAS, Neilan, a mother of seven, shared with her children her deep interests in
8 religion and politics, teaching them that good government is a way to shape society for the
9 better:

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT COMMEMORATED, by the Ninety-Ninth Legislature of the State
11 of South Dakota, that Sergeant-at-Arms Doris Neilan, history maker, remains an outstanding
12 example of good citizenship and service to the people of South Dakota.