



2024 South Dakota Legislature

Senate Commemoration 806

Introduced by: **Senator Pischke** and **Representative Gross**

1 **A LEGISLATIVE COMMEMORATION, Celebrating the career and accomplishments of**
2 **Leroy Koopman, on the occasion of receiving the National Volunteer Fire**
3 **Council Lifetime Achievement Award.**

4 WHEREAS, LeRoy Koopman started as a volunteer firefighter for the Colton Volunteer Fire
5 Department in 1963, serving in many positions, including as Colton Fire Chief for over 40
6 years; and

7 WHEREAS, Leroy was elected to the South Dakota Firefighters Association (SDFA) board
8 of directors in 1985, where he served as vice president, president, and past president, and
9 where, during his time as the SDFA president, he encouraged the SDFA board to maintain a
10 contingency training fund for the state fire school; and

11 WHEREAS, Leroy served as the South Dakota Director to the National Volunteer Fire
12 Council, where he advocated for volunteerism and mentoring; and

13 WHEREAS, Leroy and his sons have traveled across the state to provide propane and gas
14 emergency training to a majority of the volunteer fire departments in this state; and

15 WHEREAS, Leroy was awarded the SDFA Lifetime Membership Award in 2010 for his
16 dedication and service to the fire service in this state;

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT COMMEMORATED, by the Ninety-Ninth Legislature of the State
18 of South Dakota, that Leroy Koopman was awarded the 2023 National Volunteer Fire Council
19 Lifetime Achievement Award.