



2024 South Dakota Legislature

House Commemoration 8014

Introduced by: **Representative** Krohmer

1 **A LEGISLATIVE COMMEMORATION, Congratulating Eric Schroeder for becoming the**
2 **new fire chief of the Wessington Springs Volunteer Fire Department.**

3 WHEREAS, Eric Schroeder has served as a firefighter in South Dakota communities for
4 over sixteen years, feeling a call for public service and public safety. After serving in both the
5 Alexandria and Mitchell fire departments, Schroeder joined the Wessington Springs Volunteer
6 Fire Department in 2018. Seeing a critical need for emergency services personnel, Schroeder
7 also earned his EMT license; and

8 WHEREAS, in January 2024, Schroeder was chosen to become the new chief of the
9 Wessington Springs Volunteer Fire Department. Schroeder is dedicated to his new role,
10 bringing forward new initiatives for smoke alarms and a medical assistant unit to support the
11 ambulance service in the area; and

12 WHEREAS, over ninety-five percent of fire departments in South Dakota are volunteer.
13 Volunteer firefighters and first responder units are vital in South Dakota, especially in rural
14 areas where smaller communities struggle to find volunteers;

15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT COMMEMORATED, by the Ninety-Ninth Legislature of the State
16 of South Dakota, that Eric Schroeder is congratulated for becoming the new fire chief of the
17 Wessington Springs Volunteer Fire Department, and he is thanked for his years of service in
18 this vital public safety role.