



2024 South Dakota Legislature

House Commemoration 8016

Introduced by: **Representative** Bahmuller

1 **A LEGISLATIVE COMMEMORATION, Honoring the life of Kenneth Michael Prorok.**

2 WHEREAS, Kenneth (Ken) Michael Prorok, a devoted husband, father, and grandfather,
3 passed away on Friday, February 2, 2024, while serving in the line of duty as Chief Deputy
4 for the Moody County Sheriff's Office; and

5 WHEREAS, Ken was born in Lincoln, Nebraska, played collegiate football, soccer, and
6 baseball, graduated from Dakota State University, and held a Master's degree from Phoenix
7 University; and

8 WHEREAS, after marrying the love of his live, Renee Graff, Ken became a stepfather to
9 Brooke and Taylor, a father to Joseph David (JD), and a father-figure and role model to so
10 many of the young players he coached in baseball, football, softball, and volleyball; and

11 WHEREAS, Ken epitomized courage, compassion, family values, integrity, professionalism,
12 and selflessness, and despite acknowledging the dangers inherent in law enforcement, never
13 faltered in his commitment to protecting and serving his community; and

14 WHEREAS, with his strong, commanding, and yet humble presence, Ken was always the
15 first to respond to a crisis, lend a hand, or offer a shoulder to lean on;

16 WHEREAS, Ken always focused on bettering the lives of all with whom he crossed paths,
17 which by itself speaks volumes about his character and his dedication to his family, to his
18 community, and ultimately, to the profession for which he gave his life:

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT COMMEMORATED, by the Ninety-Ninth Legislature of the State
20 of South Dakota, that Kenneth Michael Prorok has earned the greatest respect for the life he
21 led and the greatest gratitude for his ultimate sacrifice, and for that, deepest condolences are
22 extended to all who knew him, worked with him, played for him, and loved him.