



2024 South Dakota Legislature

House Commemoration 8017

Introduced by: **Representative Bahmuller**

1 **A LEGISLATIVE COMMEMORATION, Celebrating Bea Schelske and Alice Hager, the**
2 **Parkston Pals, and their contributions to the community.**

3 WHEREAS, Bea Schelske and Alice Hager were high school best friends who had their own
4 country music program on Mitchell's KORN radio, starting in 1947, as the Parkston Pals; and

5 WHEREAS, the opportunity to be radio performers was not sought out. Bea and Alice were
6 discovered washing tables at their high school, simply singing out of joy. What was a delightful
7 pastime turned into a cherished Saturday morning radio program; and

8 WHEREAS, the weekly broadcasts were more than just music; they were a celebration of
9 friendship, community, and the pursuit of happiness. Having the time of their lives, Bea and
10 Alice's broadcasts were full of laughter and fan mail from the loving community; and

11 WHEREAS, Bea and Alice are still the greatest of friends seventy-four years later, though
12 living a distance apart. They share a continued bond through multiple phone calls a day and
13 timeless memories together:

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT COMMEMORATED, by the Ninety-Ninth Legislature of the State
15 of South Dakota, that Bea Schelske and Alice Hager, the Parkston Pals, are celebrated not
16 only for their musical talent, but for the legacy of friendship and joy they brought to the
17 community.