



2024 South Dakota Legislature

House Commemoration 8020

Introduced by: **Representative Jensen (Phil)**

1 **A LEGISLATIVE COMMEMORATION, Honoring Pat Powers for his years of service to**
2 **the South Dakota Republican Party.**

3 WHEREAS, Pat Powers began his work in the Republican Party in Pennington County in
4 1988, as the executive director of the county party; and

5 WHEREAS, in his work, Pat has had a front row seat to a number of historically important
6 elections in this state, including the 2022 gubernatorial race and the 2004 United States
7 Senate race; and

8 WHEREAS, Pat launched his blog, Dakota War College, in 2005, to post about political
9 issues, candidates, and campaigns; and

10 WHEREAS, people across the state have enjoyed Pat's posts and the curated comment
11 section attached to each post; and

12 WHEREAS, on February 10, 2024, the South Dakota Republican Party terminated the
13 party's contractual relationship with Pat despite his many years of loyal service to the party;

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT COMMEMORATED, by the Ninety-Ninth Legislature of the State
15 of South Dakota, that Pat Powers of Brookings has had a significant impact on state politics
16 and has demonstrated a profound breadth of institutional knowledge and a diligent
17 commitment to this state.