



2024 South Dakota Legislature

House Commemoration 8030

Introduced by: **Representative Pourier**

1 **A LEGISLATIVE COMMEMORATION, Celebrating the achievements and continued**
2 **success of the Black Hills Powwow.**

3 WHEREAS, the Black Hills Powwow and Expo, He Sapa Wacipi Na Oskate, is now in its
4 thirty-sixth year; and

5 WHEREAS, as one of the premier American Indian cultural events, the Black Hills Powwow
6 draws singers and dancers from across the United States, Canada, and beyond to participate
7 in thirty-six different categories of singing and dancing, attracting twenty drum groups and
8 more than one hundred vendors; and

9 WHEREAS, the event brings in more than eighteen thousand visitors, including more than
10 four thousand five hundred out-of-town attendees and about four thousand students from
11 Rapid City area schools; and

12 WHEREAS, the Black Hills Powwow, already one of the largest in the world, continues to
13 grow in attendance and support every year, bolstering Rapid City and surrounding
14 communities' economies and bringing in more than \$4,000,000 in revenue while awarding
15 championship singers and dancers a total prize payout of over \$150,000;

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT COMMEMORATED, by the Ninety-Ninth Legislature of the State
17 of South Dakota, that the Black Hills Powwow and Expo, He Sapa Wacipi Na Oskate, deserves
18 honor for its achievements and continued contributions to the regional economy while allowing
19 attendees to experience the beauty of Great Plains indigenous song and dance.