



2025 South Dakota Legislature

House Commemoration 8003

Introduced by: **Representatives** Derby, Moore, Shorma, and Venhuizen and **Senators** Deibert, Duhamel, Perry, and Schoenfish

1 **A LEGISLATIVE COMMEMORATION, Recognizing Jacqueline Sly as the recipient of**
2 **the AARP South Dakota Andrus Award.**

3 WHEREAS, Jacqueline Sly earned her bachelor's degree in elementary and special
4 education from Northern State University and her master's degree in curriculum and
5 instruction from Black Hills State University; and

6 WHEREAS, Jacqueline's public education career in South Dakota spanned thirty-seven
7 years, her retirement from classroom teaching didn't stop her desire to promote the teaching
8 profession and prioritize the success of young people, leading her to serve in the South Dakota
9 Legislature; and

10 WHEREAS, during Jacqueline's legislative tenure, from 2009-2016, she served as a
11 member of the House Health and Human Services Committee, chair of the House Education
12 Committee, House Majority Whip, and co-chair of the education committee for the Midwest
13 Legislative Conference and the Council of State Governments; and

14 WHEREAS, Jacqueline's public service included appointments as co-chair of the blue ribbon
15 task force and as a member of the South Dakota Board of Education Standards; and

16 WHEREAS, Local organizations in Rapid City and statewide organizations have benefited
17 from Jacqueline's service in leadership roles, including South Dakota Retired School
18 Personnel; the Rapid City Education Association; Susan G. Komen for the Cure South Dakota;
19 the West River Mental Health Clinic; Black Hills Works; Abbott House; Bethlehem Lutheran
20 Church; and AARP South Dakota; and

21 WHEREAS, Jacqueline was recently presented with AARP South Dakota's prestigious
22 Andrus Award for Community Service, named after the organization's founder, Ethel Percy
23 Andrus, a retired educator. The award honors Jacqueline's generous sharing of time and
24 talents to enrich the lives of others, as well as her service at the local and state level;

- 1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT COMMEMORATED, by the One Hundredth Legislature of the State
- 2 of South Dakota, that Jacqueline Sly is the recipient of the AARP South Dakota Andrus Award
- 3 for Community Service for her leadership and commitment to the people of South Dakota.