



## 2025 South Dakota Legislature

# House Commemoration 8004

Introduced by: **Representatives** Reisch, Emery, Moore, and Walburg and **Senators** Crabtree and Perry

1 **A LEGISLATIVE COMMEMORATION, Recognizing the Howard Tigers as the 2024**  
2 **Class B boys basketball state champions.**

3 WHEREAS, the 2023-2024 season marked sixty years since the Howard Tigers basketball  
4 team last won a state title, but despite that, their head coach, Nick Koepsell believed the team  
5 had the talent and dedication to make a deep run; and

6 WHEREAS, the Howard Tigers qualified for the state tournament as the fifth seed with a  
7 20-3 record and defeated the fourth-seeded Wessington Springs Spartans in the first round  
8 of the state tournament by a score of 53-38; and

9 WHEREAS, the Howard Tigers advanced to the finals by defeating the top-seeded White  
10 River Tigers by a score of 48-42; and

11 WHEREAS, despite the Howard Tigers leading the defending champion De Smet Bulldogs  
12 in the championship game for most of the first four quarters, the Bulldogs scored a last-  
13 second three-pointer to send the game into overtime; and

14 WHEREAS, during overtime, the Howard Tigers demonstrated that they had the hearts of  
15 champions and the skills to match, overpowering the Bulldogs by a score of 60-55;

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT COMMEMORATED, by the One Hundredth Legislature of the State  
17 of South Dakota, that the Howard Tigers are the 2024 Class B boys basketball state  
18 champions.