



2025 South Dakota Legislature

Senate Commemoration 815

Introduced by: **Senators** Smith and Hohn

1 **A LEGISLATIVE COMMEMORATION, Honoring Frank Kloucek as the oldest surviving,**
2 **and longest-tenured Democrat to serve in the South Dakota Legislature.**

3 WHEREAS, Frank Kloucek served in the South Dakota Legislature for twenty-two years,
4 sixteen years in the Senate, and six years in the House, served twenty years on the Water
5 Development Oversight Committee of the State Water Board and State Water Management
6 Board, and as a Minority Whip in the Senate and House; and

7 WHEREAS, Frank served as vice chair of the Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources
8 committee during the 1991-1992 legislative session, when the Senate was democratic-
9 controlled; and

10 WHEREAS, Frank has never asked anyone who requested his help what their political
11 affiliation is, and still tries to help people to this day; and

12 WHEREAS, Frank served with honesty and integrity, and led with a strong belief in the
13 philosophy of, "We not Me," in politics and life; and

14 WHEREAS, during his legislative tenure, Frank worked tirelessly and championed many
15 issues, including public safety and transportation issues, veteran affairs, family farm and
16 ranch issues, environmental issues, unfair taxation, and rural economic development; and

17 WHEREAS, Frank has been married to the love of his life, Joanie, for forty-five years, has
18 four children and nine grandchildren, and farms near Scotland;

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT COMMEMORATED, by the One Hundredth Legislature of the State
20 of South Dakota, that Frank Kloucek is the oldest surviving, and longest-tenured Democrat
21 to serve in the South Dakota Legislature and has made a positive impact on his community
22 and the state of South Dakota.