



2025 South Dakota Legislature

House Commemoration 8021

Introduced by: **Representative** Schaeffbauer and **Senator** Perry

1 **A LEGISLATIVE COMMEMORATION, Honoring Roncalli Middle School teacher Dan**
2 **Gallagher, Aberdeen, as the 2024-2025 South Dakota Milken Educator.**

3 WHEREAS, during a schoolwide assembly on Thursday, February 13, 2025, at Aberdeen
4 Roncalli's middle school, South Dakota Secretary of Education Dr. Joseph Graves and Milken
5 Educator Awards Vice President Jennifer Fuller announced Dan Gallagher as having received
6 the prestigious Milken Educator Award along with a check for twenty-five thousand dollars;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, Dan maintains high expectations for himself and his students to reach their
9 potential, whether inspiring curiosity through project-based learning, encouraging
10 selflessness through community service projects in Aberdeen, or teaching a service-oriented
11 mindset; and

12 WHEREAS, the Milken Educator Award inspires educators, students, and communities to
13 celebrate, elevate, and activate kindergarten through twelfth grade teachers and encourage
14 young, capable people to pursue teaching as a career; and

15 WHEREAS, educators receive this distinction for their creative approach to education,
16 service to their school and students, and long-range impact on the greater community; and

17 WHEREAS, Dan joins over three thousand educators who have been honored with the
18 Milken Educator award over the award's forty-year history as the nation's preeminent teacher
19 recognition program;

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT COMMEMORATED, by the One Hundredth Legislature of the State
21 of South Dakota, that Dan Gallagher is the 2024-2025 South Dakota Milken Educator and has
22 made a positive impact on the lives of his students and community.