

HOUSE COMMEMORATION NO. 1021

Introduced by: Representatives Ring, Bartling, Bolin, Cronin, Ecklund, Feinstein, Gibson, Gosch, Haggar (Don), Hajek, Hawks, Hawley, Johns, Killer, Kirschman, Lust, Mickelson, Romkema, Russell, Stevens, Werner, and Westra and Senators Sutton, Buhl O'Donnell, Frerichs, Heineman (Phyllis), Hunhoff (Jean), Jones (Tom), Kirkeby, Lucas, Novstrup (Al), Peters, Rave, and Welke

A LEGISLATIVE COMMEMORATION, Commending and honoring Alexa Duling, a 2013 Walter Byers Postgraduate Scholarship recipient.

WHEREAS, South Dakota native Alexa Duling received the 2013 Walter Byers Postgraduate Scholarship from the National Collegiate Athletic Association. This award is given to one female and one male NCAA athlete each year. To be eligible for the honor, the nominee must have attained an undergraduate GPA of at least 3.5, competed on a varsity team at an NCAA member school, shown superior character and leadership, and demonstrated that participation in athletics and community service positively influenced the recipient's personal and intellectual development; and

WHEREAS, Alexa Duling, a graduate of Gregory High School, finished both her baccalaureate and MBA degrees in five years at the University of South Dakota while maintaining a 4.0 GPA. She was also named to the 2013 Capital One All-America track and field cross country first team by the College Sports Information Directors of America. She is currently attending medical school in Arizona; and

WHEREAS, on the track, Alexa Duling set individual USD school records in the indoor 60 meter hurdles (8.71) and the outdoor 400 meter hurdles (57.40), and was a member of two record-setting relay teams as part of the outdoor sprint medley (3:53.25) and 4x200 (1:38.93) relays. In 2012 she earned second-team All-America honors after placing 12th in the 400 meter hurdles where she also qualified for the Olympic Trials. At the 2013 outdoor Summit League Championship, Duling set a league record in the 400 meter hurdles (58.59). She was named the 2011 Great West Conference Female Scholar-Athlete of the Year. In her career, she earned eight individual conference titles:



NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT COMMEMORATED, by the Eighty-Ninth Legislature of the State of South Dakota, that Alexa Duling be commended and honored for the success of her outstanding athletic and academic performance.