



2026 South Dakota Legislature

House Commemoration 8005

Introduced by: **Representative Stevens**

1 **A LEGISLATIVE COMMEMORATION honoring the Yankton School District on its 150th**
2 **anniversary.**

3 WHEREAS, the Yankton School District has provided public education for one hundred and
4 fifty years, longer than any other accredited public school district in the state; and

5 WHEREAS, Yankton High School continues to outperform state average scores in English
6 language arts, mathematics, science, coursework readiness, assessment readiness, college
7 and career readiness, on-time graduation, and high school completion; and

8 WHEREAS, in August 2025, the Yankton School District opened the Trailhead Learning
9 Center, the first school in the state specifically designed to meet the needs of the district's
10 youngest learners in preschool, junior kindergarten, and kindergarten, demonstrating a
11 strong commitment to early childhood education; and

12 WHEREAS, the Yankton School District is dedicated to developing future teachers through
13 its partnership with Mount Marty University by offering a 4 + 1 program;

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT COMMEMORATED, by the One Hundred First Legislature of the
15 State of South Dakota, that the Legislature recognizes and honors the Yankton School District
16 on the occasion of its 150th anniversary and celebrates its longstanding commitment to
17 excellence, innovation, and service to its students and the community.