



## 2026 South Dakota Legislature

# House Commemoration 8006

Introduced by: **Representative** Peterson (Drew)

1 **A LEGISLATIVE COMMEMORATION recognizing February as National Career and**  
 2 **Technical Education and National Career and Technical Student Organizations**  
 3 **Month.**

4 WHEREAS, South Dakota career and technical education reaches more than 30,000  
 5 students in grades 7-12 and equips these students with essential skills such as adaptability,  
 6 motivation to grow, and a passion about an industry, alongside job-specific skills; and

7 WHEREAS, South Dakota career and technical educators provide unique and hands-on  
 8 experiences that empower and prepare students to be leaders in their future careers;

9 WHEREAS, South Dakota career and technical student organizations enrich students with  
 10 opportunities for professional development, leadership, and industry-specific skills by  
 11 collaborating with educators and industry professionals;

12 WHEREAS, South Dakota career and technical student organizations continue to grow in  
 13 size and depth of programming, with current membership numbers including 6,500 FFA  
 14 members, 500 Future Business Leaders of America members, 1,300 HOSA-Future Health  
 15 Professionals members, 500 SkillsUSA members, 600 Rising members, and 1,600 Family,  
 16 Career and Community Leaders of America members; and

17 WHEREAS, South Dakota career and technical student organizations continue to inspire  
 18 young leaders to explore diverse career paths within their respective organization by traveling  
 19 the state and visiting other chapters, by providing leadership lessons, and by connecting with  
 20 industry professionals to help bridge the gap between the classroom and professional careers;

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT COMMEMORATED, by the One Hundred First Legislature of the  
 22 State of South Dakota, that February is recognized as National Career and Technical Education  
 23 and National Career and Technical Student Organization month.