



2026 South Dakota Legislature

House Commemoration 8013

Introduced by: Representatives Soye and Schwans

1 **A LEGISLATIVE COMMEMORATION recognizing the Agricultural Issues team of the**
 2 **West Central FFA chapter and celebrating their first-place victory in the state**
 3 **competition and their journey to nationals.**

4 WHEREAS, the National FFA Organization changes lives and prepares youth for premier
 5 leadership, personal growth, and career success through agricultural education; and

6 WHEREAS, the West Central chapter from Hartford, South Dakota, is comprised of
 7 students Holly Berg, Kenasyn Johnson, Ganon Lienhard, Teagan Lupkes, Alex Siemonsma,
 8 Stella Siemonsma, and Nate Struck, and is led by teacher Linda Petersen; and

9 WHEREAS, the Agricultural Issues team of the West Central FFA chapter researched and
 10 discussed the agricultural, environmental, and economic pros and cons of new autonomous
 11 systems in agriculture; and

12 WHEREAS, the Agricultural Issues team presented in front of the House Agriculture and
 13 Natural Resources committee and the Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources committee;
 14 and

15 WHEREAS, the West Central FFA chapter placed first in the 2025 State Leadership
 16 Development Events;

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT COMMEMORATED, by the One Hundred First Legislature of the
 18 State of South Dakota, that the West Central FFA chapter is celebrated for the Agricultural
 19 Issues team's success at the 2025 State Leadership Development Events.