



## 2026 South Dakota Legislature

# House Commemoration 8014

Introduced by: **Representative Emery**

1 **A LEGISLATIVE COMMEMORATION honoring the life and legacy of William Long IV.**

2 WHEREAS, William Long IV lost his life on December 21, 2025, while enjoying one of his  
3 greatest passions, ice fishing, on the Rosebud Reservation; and

4 WHEREAS, William was a devoted husband, a loving father, a cherished brother, nephew,  
5 cousin, and a loyal friend to many throughout his community; and

6 WHEREAS, William was known for his deep love of fishing in every season, embracing the  
7 outdoors with patience, skill, and joy; and

8 WHEREAS, William was a boxer whose discipline, determination, and resilience reflected  
9 the character with which he lived his life; and

10 WHEREAS, William was a passionate supporter of youth athletics and believed strongly in  
11 mentoring young people through sports, serving as an assistant coach for the Todd County  
12 Lady Falcons basketball team and encouraging young athletes both on and off the court; and

13 WHEREAS, he was a proud and dedicated fan of the Minnesota Vikings and the New York  
14 Yankees, bringing energy and spirited conversation wherever games were watched and  
15 victories were celebrated; and

16 WHEREAS, William embraced both his Mexican heritage and Native American culture with  
17 pride, honoring the traditions, values, and strength of his ancestors while passing their  
18 teachings forward to the next generation; and

19 WHEREAS, William Long IV's life was defined by loyalty to family, commitment to  
20 community, and a generous spirit that touched many lives across the Rosebud Reservation  
21 and beyond;

1        NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT COMMEMORATED, by the One Hundred First Legislature of the  
2        State of South Dakota, that this body honors and remembers William Long IV for his life, his  
3        service to youth, his devotion to family, and the example he set for his community; and

4        BE IT FURTHER COMMEMORATED, that the House extends its deepest sympathy to his  
5        wife, child, family members, teammates, players, and friends, and recognizes that his  
6        memory will live on in the lives of those he helped to shape.