



2026 South Dakota Legislature

Senate Commemoration 814

Introduced by: **Senator Foster**

1 **A LEGISLATIVE COMMEMORATION celebrating the South Dakota Youth of the Year**
2 **program for 2026.**

3 WHEREAS, Boys & Girls Clubs in South Dakota serve more than eighteen thousand children
4 and teens annually at sixty locations across this state; and

5 WHEREAS, the mission of Boys & Girls Clubs is to enable all young people, especially those
6 with the greatest need, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, and responsible
7 citizens; and

8 WHEREAS, Boys & Girls Club programs promote a better self-image, improved education,
9 and greater social, emotional, and cultural awareness, while encouraging community
10 involvement, strong moral values, and enhanced life management skills; and

11 WHEREAS, the Youth of the Year program is the Boys & Girls Clubs' premier recognition
12 platform, designed to promote and recognize service to club and community, academic
13 performance, and contributions to family; and

14 WHEREAS, youth nominees from South Dakota Clubs in Sioux Falls, Wagner, Mission,
15 Flandreau, and Pierre have earned the esteemed title of Youth of the Year; and

16 WHEREAS, on March 4, 2026, one of the youth nominees will be chosen as South Dakota
17 State Youth of the Year and will represent this state in the National Youth of the Year program
18 for Boys & Girls Clubs of America;

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT COMMEMORATED, by the One Hundred First Legislature of the
20 State of South Dakota, that this state recognizes Boys & Girls Clubs for their outstanding
21 commitment to children, teens, and families, and commends the Youth of the Year finalists of
22 2026 for their accomplishments and successes.