



2026 South Dakota Legislature

Senate Commemoration 815

Introduced by: **Senator Wipf**

1 **A LEGISLATIVE COMMEMORATION honoring Shane Jordan as the 2025 winner of the**
 2 **Hugh Hammond Bennett Conservation Planner Award.**

3 WHEREAS, the Hugh Hammond Bennett National Awards for Conservation Excellence
 4 honor the memory of a nationally renowned soil conservation pioneer who raised awareness
 5 about the critical importance of soil conservation in the years following the Dust Bowl; and

6 WHEREAS, Hugh Hammond Bennett believed that land could be positively changed by
 7 developing and following a conservation plan designed to meet the unique needs of that land,
 8 taking into account financial resources, natural resources, and producer goals; and

9 WHEREAS, Shane Jordan's passion for conservation began on his family's corn and
 10 soybean farm in the Loess Hills of west central Iowa, where he grew up learning to manage
 11 his own sheep flock, cow herd, and tree farm; and

12 WHEREAS, Shane's work as a district conservationist in the Redfield Natural Resources
 13 Conservation Service Field Office for Spink and Clark counties, resulted in more than two
 14 hundred fifty conservation stewardship program contracts; and

15 WHEREAS, many producers have acknowledged that Shane's understanding of
 16 conservation planning and long-standing dedication to conservation practices have made him
 17 an invaluable resource to them in their conversation efforts;

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT COMMEMORATED, by the One Hundred First Legislature of the
 19 State of South Dakota, that Shane Jordan is recognized as the 2025 national recipient of the
 20 Hugh Hammond Bennett Conservation Planner Award.