



## 2026 South Dakota Legislature

# Senate Commemoration 821

Introduced by: **Senator Crabtree**

1 **A LEGISLATIVE COMMEMORATION honoring Arthur Mauf for his dedication and**  
2 **service to the United States as he approaches his 100th birthday.**

3 WHEREAS, Arthur was raised in Madison, South Dakota, where a life on the farm instilled  
4 in him a deep respect for hard work, discipline, responsibility, and performing every task with  
5 care and purpose; and

6 WHEREAS, during his sea and foreign service aboard the USS General John Pope from  
7 August 23, 1945, to May 14, 1946, Arthur endured the physical challenges of life at sea,  
8 including persistent seasickness, yet he continued to fulfill his duties with determination and  
9 pride; and

10 WHEREAS, Arthur faithfully served his country in the United States Marine Corps, attaining  
11 the rank of Private First Class and demonstrating commitment to duty during a pivotal time  
12 in world history; and

13 WHEREAS, after his honorable discharge on August 31, 1946, Arthur returned to Madison,  
14 South Dakota, where he devoted himself to farming and building a life rooted in perseverance,  
15 family values, and steady work; and

16 WHEREAS, Arthur's legacy of service continues, notably recognized at the Veterans Honor  
17 Park in Madison, where his name stands alongside that of his grandson, Kevin Stewart, who  
18 is also a United States Marine;

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT COMMEMORATED, by the One Hundred First Legislature of the  
20 State of South Dakota, that we express our deepest gratitude for Arthur Mauf's service,  
21 sacrifice, and enduring character, and for his contributions to his country, his community, and  
22 the generations that follow.