



2026 South Dakota Legislature

House Commemoration 8021

Introduced by: **Representative Pourier**

1 **A LEGISLATIVE COMMEMORATION honoring the life and service of Yvonne Jane**
 2 **"Tiny D" DeCory, of Pine Ridge, South Dakota.**

3 WHEREAS, Yvonne Jane DeCory was born on June 10, 1952, in Pine Ridge, South Dakota;
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5 WHEREAS, Yvonne DeCory devoted her life to the Oyáte, tirelessly advocating for Lakota
 6 youth and helping them through grief, trauma, and other hardships; and

7 WHEREAS, Yvonne DeCory worked closely with schools, churches, community
 8 organizations, and tribal programs to help the young people she mentored overcome cultural,
 9 spiritual, and governmental challenges; and

10 WHEREAS, Yvonne DeCory's life exemplified wówačhantognake (generosity), wóohola
 11 (respect), and wówaunsila (compassion), and she consistently used her gifts of storytelling,
 12 song, and encouragement to pass on Lakota language, ceremony, and teachings; and

13 WHEREAS, Yvonne DeCory never hesitated to offer her time, her home, her humor, and
 14 her strength to anyone who needed it;

15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT COMMEMORATED, by the One Hundred First Legislature of the
 16 State of South Dakota, that Yvonne Jane "Tiny D" DeCory's lifetime of service to Lakota youth,
 17 her resolve to prevent suicide and restore hope, and her enduring legacy of love, healing, and
 18 leadership for the Oyáte and the people of South Dakota serve as a shining example of a life
 19 well-lived.