



2026 South Dakota Legislature

House Commemoration 8025

Introduced by: **Representative Pourier**

1 **A LEGISLATIVE COMMEMORATION honoring the accomplishments of University of**
2 **South Dakota women's basketball player Josie Hill.**

3 WHEREAS, Josie Hill of Rapid City has distinguished herself as an outstanding basketball
4 player, having earned a reputation as a center who can score, rebound, and block shots at a
5 high level; and

6 WHEREAS, Josie starred at Rapid City Central High School, where she set the school record
7 for career blocked shots, led the Cobblers to the state basketball tournament, and was named
8 to the Class AA all-state first team her senior year; and

9 WHEREAS, upon graduating high school, Josie played for three years at Chicago State
10 University, where she set the single-game and single-season records for blocked shots, and
11 had the seventh highest blocks per game in NCAA Division 1 Women's Basketball during the
12 2023-24 season; and

13 WHEREAS, Josie transferred to the University of South Dakota for the 2025-26 season,
14 providing the Coyotes with a consistent and intimidating post-presence, recording her one
15 thousandth career point, and helping the Coyotes to a 22-8 record and third-place finish in
16 the Summit League; and

17 WHEREAS, Josie is an enrolled member of the Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate and, through her
18 commitment to academic and athletic excellence, and community service, has become a
19 visible Native American role model who inspires Indigenous youth to pursue excellence;

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT COMMEMORATED, by the One Hundred First Legislature of the
21 State of South Dakota, that Josie Hill is recognized for her outstanding accomplishments and
22 commitment to service in her community and this state.