



2026 South Dakota Legislature

House Commemoration 8028

Introduced by: **Representative Pourier**

1 **A LEGISLATIVE COMMEMORATION Honoring the accomplishments of Marvin Richard**
2 **III of Pine Ridge, South Dakota.**

3 WHEREAS, Marvin Richard III of Pine Ridge has distinguished himself as one of the premier
4 high school athletes in this state while participating in basketball, cross country, football, golf,
5 and track and field for the Pine Ridge High School Thorpes; and

6 WHEREAS, Marvin's football accomplishments include leading the Thorpes to the 2024
7 Class 9A All-Nations Football Conference championship, the same season in which he earned
8 recognition as an all-state quarterback; and

9 WHEREAS, Marvin's basketball accomplishments include being a two-time South Dakota
10 all-state first-team selection, a 2026 McDonald's All-American Game nominee, and the Lakota
11 Nation Invitational Most Valuable Player; and

12 WHEREAS, Marvin will finish his high school career as a top-ten all-time scorer in South
13 Dakota boys basketball history and the holder of the South Dakota boys basketball single-
14 game scoring record of 73 points, achieved on March 3, 2026, and will play for the University
15 of South Dakota Coyotes this fall; and

16 WHEREAS, Marvin exemplifies South Dakota values and the highest ideals of high school
17 athletics through his sportsmanship, humility, and dedication to his community; and

18 WHEREAS, Marvin's success contributes to the broader story of Native American athletes
19 in this state and highlights the depth of athletic talent within Native communities and
20 reservation schools across South Dakota;

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT COMMEMORATED, by the One Hundred First Legislature of the
22 State of South Dakota, that Marvin Richard III is recognized for his outstanding high school
23 career and for his contributions to the Pine Ridge High School Thorpes and the state of South
24 Dakota.