



2026 South Dakota Legislature

Senate Commemoration 827

Introduced by: **Senator Foster**

1 **A LEGISLATIVE COMMEMORATION honoring Ashlan Carlow-Blount for excellence in**
2 **athletics, academics, and leadership.**

3 WHEREAS, Ashlan Carlow-Blount, an Oglala Lakota tribal member from the Pine Ridge
4 Indian Reservation and senior at Mahpíya Lúta High School, has distinguished herself through
5 exceptional dedication and achievement in athletics, academics, and community leadership,
6 demonstrating versatility, discipline, and perseverance while bringing pride and recognition
7 to her school, her community, the Oglala Lakota people, and the State of South Dakota; and

8 WHEREAS, on the basketball court, Ashlan has earned First-Team All-State honors, was
9 twice named Lakota Nation Invitational Most Valuable Player, and led her team to four
10 consecutive Lakota National Invitational championships and multiple state tournament
11 appearances, surpassing 1,500 career points, and recording numerous double-doubles and
12 triple-doubles; and

13 WHEREAS, in addition to basketball, Ashlan has excelled in track and field and cross
14 country, earning a Class A State Championship in the 300-meter hurdles, multiple regional
15 titles, and top finishes in sprints, hurdles, and jumps; and

16 WHEREAS, in the classroom, Ashlan has consistently exemplified intellectual curiosity and
17 scholastic achievement, maintaining high academic standing, earning National Honor Society
18 membership and the U.S. President's Academic Excellence Award, excelling in AP and dual-
19 credit coursework, receiving Division I collegiate scholarship offers, and committing to attend
20 the University of South Dakota to continue her academic and athletic pursuits while
21 representing her home state;

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT COMMEMORATED, by the One Hundred First Legislature of the
23 State of South Dakota, that Ashlan Carlow-Blount has achieved incredible success in athletics,
24 academics, and leadership, and will certainly continue serving as a role model for younger

- 1 athletes, promoting Lakota culture, language, and heritage, and inspiring peers and
- 2 community members through leadership, mentorship, and example.