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# South Dakota Legislature



## Senate Commemoration 814

Introduced by: **Senators** Foster, Duhamel, Perry, Rohl, and Voita and **Representatives** Emery, Moore, Muckey, Pourier, and Wittman

**A LEGISLATIVE COMMEMORATION celebrating the South Dakota Youth of the Year program for 2026.**

WHEREAS, Boys & Girls Clubs in South Dakota serve more than eighteen thousand children and teens annually at sixty locations across this state; and

WHEREAS, the mission of Boys & Girls Clubs is to enable all young people, especially those with the greatest need, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, and responsible citizens; and

WHEREAS, Boys & Girls Club programs promote a better self-image, improved education, and greater social, emotional, and cultural awareness, while encouraging community involvement, strong moral values, and enhanced life management skills; and

WHEREAS, the Youth of the Year program is the Boys & Girls Clubs' premier recognition platform, designed to promote and recognize service to club and community, academic performance, and contributions to family; and

WHEREAS, youth nominees from South Dakota Clubs in Sioux Falls, Wagner, Mission, Flandreau, and Pierre have earned the esteemed title of Youth of the Year; and

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2026, one of the youth nominees will be chosen as South Dakota State Youth of the Year and will represent this state in the National Youth of the Year program for Boys & Girls Clubs of America;

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT COMMEMORATED, by the One Hundred First Legislature of the State of South Dakota, that this state recognizes Boys & Girls Clubs for their outstanding commitment to children, teens, and families, and commends the Youth of the Year finalists of 2026 for their accomplishments and successes.

