

South Dakota Legislature



House Commemoration 8028

Introduced by: **Representatives** Pourier, Emery, Gosch, Moore, Muckey, Novstrup, and Shorma and **Senators** Foster, Duhamel, and Perry

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

