

State of South Dakota

NINETY-FOURTH SESSION
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SENATE COMMEMORATION NO. 12

Introduced by: Senators Heinert, DiSanto, Jensen (Phil), Kennedy, Klumb, Kolbeck, Maher, Monroe, Nelson, Nesiba, Russell, Smith (VJ), Soholt, Solano, Stalzer, Wismer, and Youngberg and Representatives Pourier, Bordeaux, Cwach, Duba, Healy, Lesmeister, McCleerey, Ring, Saba, Smith (Jamie), and Sullivan

A LEGISLATIVE COMMEMORATION, Commending and honoring Shane O'Connell for his success and achievement in national and international rodeo competitions.

WHEREAS, Shane O'Connell grew up on a ranch in South Dakota and began competing in various rodeo competitions at the age of five, as well as later winning four South Dakota High School championship titles, three in bareback riding and one in bull riding; and

WHEREAS, O'Connell graduated from Rapid City Central High with a stellar resume in athletic talent, not only in the sport of rodeo but in football, as well as wrestling, and competed at the varsity level for both sports and received multiple awards for player of the game throughout his football career; and

WHEREAS, O'Connell placed third individually in the state at the 2014 South Dakota State High School Wrestling Championship Tournament and fourth place at the same tournament in 2013, each time helping his team earn a high overall ranking. The team finished fourth and second as a team, respectively, in those two years; and

WHEREAS, O'Connell has completed rigorous work to earn the awards he has received throughout his lifetime; and

WHEREAS, O'Connell in 2013 was co-champion in bareback riding at the National High School Finals Rodeo; and

WHEREAS, O'Connell finished nineteenth in the world championship standings in the year 2017; and

WHEREAS, following the winter rodeo season, O'Connell was ranked sixth in the world standings, an honor few have achieved in their rodeo careers; and

WHEREAS, O'Connell was co-champion at the All-American Finals Rodeo in Waco, Texas, a title many of his Rodeo companions dream of accomplishing:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT COMMEMORATED, by the Ninety-Fourth Legislature of the State of South Dakota, that the Legislature honors and commends Shane O'Connell for his outstanding achievements and performance in the sport of rodeo.