

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 3

A RESOLUTION, Commending and honoring Angela Kennecke for excellence in journalism.

WHEREAS, Angela Kennecke is a veteran journalist at KELOLAND Media Group in Sioux Falls and is acknowledged across the state by citizens and colleagues as one of the top journalists in South Dakota; and

WHEREAS, a free press mentioned in the First Amendment to the United States Constitution is one of the pillars our republic was founded upon; and

WHEREAS, the role of the free press in our republic requires journalists to constantly evaluate issues of public interest and concern and hold the actions of those in positions of trust and authority up to the appropriate scrutiny of the people; and

WHEREAS, a free press, objective journalism, and honest public service are natural allies; and

WHEREAS, Angela's diligent journalism has helped create awareness of issues impacting South Dakotans, which has and will facilitate legislative oversight and public involvement; and

WHEREAS, Angela and her family in recent years suffered the tragic loss of her daughter, Emily Groth; and

WHEREAS, South Dakotans mourn with and support Angela and her family in the loss of her daughter; and

WHEREAS, we commend and support Angela's efforts in honoring Emily through the raising of awareness of the danger of opioids:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Senate of the Ninety-Fourth Legislature of the State of South Dakota, that on behalf of the great people of South Dakota, we hereby commend and honor Angela Kennecke for her excellence in journalism and we also extend our thanks and best wishes to her for continued success.

Larry Rhoden
President of the Senate

Kay Johnson
Secretary of the Senate