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## HOUSE COMMEMORATION NO. **1021**

Introduced by: Representatives Rounds, Barthel, Beal, Duba, Goodwin, Hansen, Healy, Karr, Latterell, Milstead, Otten (Herman), Peterson (Sue), Pischke, Qualm, Smith (Jamie), Steele, Sullivan, Willadsen, and Zikmund and Senators Stalzer, Blare, Kolbeck, Nelson, Nesiba, Steinhauer, and Sutton

A LEGISLATIVE COMMEMORATION, Commending the South Dakota Air National Guard 114th Fighter Wing of Sioux Falls on being awarded the Distinguished Flying Unit Plaque, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award, Major General John J. Pesch Flight Safety Award, and William W. Spruance Safety Award for 2018.

WHEREAS, the South Dakota Air National Guard 114th Fighter Wing was presented the Distinguished Flying Unit Plaque for the fourth consecutive year, as one of the top five outstanding flying units in the Air National Guard; and

WHEREAS, the 114th Fighter Wing was also awarded the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award for the fourth consecutive year for exceptional meritorious service by the U.S. Air Force and Air Force National Guard; and

WHEREAS, the 114th Fighter Wing also received the Major General John J. Pesch Flight Safety Award, presented annually to two flying units judged to have demonstrated the highest standards of flight safety in the Air National Guard; and

WHEREAS, the 114th Fighter Wing was also awarded the William W. Spruance Safety Award, presented annually to the National Guard unit that makes the most significant contribution to accident prevention; and

WHEREAS, the selection for all these awards are based on overall combat readiness and the unit's performance with respect to all other Air National Guard flying units with flying safety, operational readiness, weapons firing, unit alerts, unit manning, skill level qualifications, retention, drill attendance, operational readiness inspections, outstanding accomplishments, and special missions all being factors in the evaluation and selection; and

WHEREAS, the 114th Fighter Wing continues to demonstrate support for its community and the State of South Dakota:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT COMMEMORATED, by the Ninety-Fourth Legislature of the State of South Dakota, that the Legislature expresses its respect, commendation, and congratulations to the South Dakota Air National Guard 114th Fighter Wing for earning the

Distinguished Flying Unit Plaque, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award, Major General John J. Pesch Flight Safety Award, and William W. Spruance Safety Award and recognizes the 114th Fighter Wing for its outstanding service to the great State of South Dakota and the United States of America.