



2020 South Dakota Legislature

House Commemoration 8007

Introduced by: **Representatives** Goodwin, Borglum, Chaffee, Chase, Koth, Miskimins, Post, Rounds, and Willadsen and **Senators** Ewing, Nesiba, Ernie Otten, Schoenbeck, Schoenfish, V. J. Smith, and Soholt

1 **A LEGISLATIVE COMMEMORATION, Commending the South Dakota Army National**
 2 **Guard's Ellwein family of Rapid City for being awarded the Association of the**
 3 **United States Army Volunteer Family of the Year Award for 2019.**

4 WHEREAS, Ellwein family members Sergeant Major Dianne Ellwein, Retired Chief Warrant
 5 Officer 4 Fredrick Ellwein, and their children Katlin, Tyler and Austin, were presented the AUSA
 6 Volunteer Family of the Year Award for exceptionally meritorious service in direct support of
 7 soldiers and families while serving on active duty for U.S. Army Europe in Wiesbaden,
 8 Germany; and

9 WHEREAS, the Ellwein family selflessly spent countless hours giving back to their
 10 community and participating in activities that promote the wellbeing of soldiers and their
 11 families; and

12 WHEREAS, in 2019 alone, the Ellwein family has amassed almost 4,400 hours of volunteer
 13 work in a variety of community, church, and civic causes that has shown their willingness to
 14 go above and beyond to help others, and

15 WHEREAS, the Ellwein family embodies the spirit of volunteerism and have each provided
 16 exceptional service to the Army, its soldiers, and families with impressive contributions in the
 17 Wiesbaden military community;

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT COMMEMORATED, by the Ninety-Fifth Legislature of the State
 19 of South Dakota, that the Legislature expresses its respect, commendation, and
 20 congratulations to the South Dakota Army National Guard's Ellwein family for their AUSA
 21 Volunteer Family of the Year Award. The Ellwein family is recognized for their outstanding
 22 service to the great state of South Dakota and the United States of America.