



## 2020 South Dakota Legislature

# House Commemoration 8010

*Introduced by: **Representatives** Reed, Mills, Post, and Wiese and **Senators** V. J. Smith and Wiik*

1    **A LEGISLATIVE COMMEMORATION, honoring and commending Brookings Area**  
 2        **Habitat for Humanity for twenty-five years of working toward their vision of**  
 3        **creating a world where everyone has a decent place to live by building and**  
 4        **preserving decent and affordable housing.**

5        WHEREAS, the lack of affordable housing for the lowest income households is a serious  
 6        problem across the state; and

7        WHEREAS, Brookings Habitat was founded in February of 1995 and is part of Habitat for  
 8        Humanity-International's global mission advocating for increased access to decent and  
 9        affordable housing; and

10       WHEREAS, Brookings Habitat, through partnerships with homeowners, volunteers, and  
 11       sponsors, not only builds houses, but builds homes, relationships, and neighborhoods where  
 12       families in our communities are offered a better life; where children are safe; where property  
 13       values increase and crime is reduced; and where dreams of homeownership become a reality;  
 14       and

15       WHEREAS, Brookings Habitat has worked alongside one hundred forty families in  
 16       Brookings and Lake Counties building greater strength, stability, and self-reliance through  
 17       shelter; and

18       WHEREAS, Brookings Habitat continues this work year after year, engaging hundreds of  
 19       volunteers working alongside homebuyers who provide sweat equity, a down payment, and  
 20       who pay an affordable mortgage; and

21       WHEREAS, Brookings Habitat families are good neighbors and active members of their  
 22       community; and

23       WHEREAS, Brookings Area Habitat for Humanity ReStore collects donations of household  
 24       goods, furniture, and construction materials making them available at low cost to members

1 of the community while at the same time diverting over one hundred tons of material annually  
2 from our landfill; and

3 WHEREAS, Brookings Area Habitat for Humanity continues working on the elimination of  
4 substandard housing through philanthropy, volunteering, praying, and advocating for better  
5 housing solutions:

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT COMMEMORATED, by the Ninety-Fifth Legislature of the State  
7 of South Dakota, that the Legislature commends and honors Brookings Area Habitat for  
8 Humanity for their service to the Brookings and Lake Counties and the state of South Dakota.