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Senate Commemoration 803

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1 **A LEGISLATIVE COMMEMORATION, Commending the Bare Bodkins Theatre**
 2 **Company for their hard work and dedication to producing professional and**
 3 **accessible Shakespeare productions in Sioux Falls.**

4 WHEREAS, Bare Bodkins has been providing free access to high-quality Shakespeare
 5 theatrical productions since 1997 and has enjoyed the support of and partnership with the
 6 City of Sioux Falls Recreation Department, and Augustana University for the past twenty-two
 7 seasons; and

8 WHEREAS, Bare Bodkins produces shows in bare bones, original practice style that relies
 9 on qualities like minimal scenery and props, contemporary costumes, small casts of actors
 10 who double to play all of the roles, audience participation, and performing outdoors in a thrust
 11 stage configuration; and

12 WHEREAS, the motto of Bare Bodkins is "Shakespeare for everyone!" and they believe the
 13 meaning and vitality of Shakespeare's works can come to life in a powerful way through live,
 14 engaged performance; and

15 WHEREAS, the most recent performance season of Bare Bodkins welcomed over one
 16 thousand audience members over the course of eight shows;

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT COMMEMORATED, by the Ninety-Fifth Legislature of the State
 18 of South Dakota, that the Legislature commends the Bare Bodkins Theatre Company for their
 19 hard work and dedication to bringing professional and accessible productions of Shakespeare
 20 to the City of Sioux Falls that enrich the lives of the audience members through lively
 21 engagement and participation.