



2020 South Dakota Legislature

Senate Commemoration 813

*Introduced by: **Senator** Ernie Otten and **Representative** Herman Otten*

1 **A LEGISLATIVE COMMEMORATION, Honoring and congratulating Derek DeGeest for**
 2 **being named as South Dakota Small Business Person of the Year.**

3 WHEREAS, Derek DeGeest is the president of DeGeest Steel Works and the Tea-based
 4 company is supplying other companies all over the world in everything from road construction,
 5 to buildings, electrical grids, and mining and the cutting-edge technology used by DeGeest
 6 Steel Works allows them to reduce worker injuries and even create more jobs; and

7 WHEREAS, over the past 42 years, the company's changes have been remarkable. They
 8 have been able to accomplish what others might find nearly impossible and are always trying
 9 to exit their comfort zone and be as innovative as possible; and

10 WHEREAS, DeGeest and DeGeest Steel Works have contributed to the growth of the South
 11 Dakota economy through hard work and dedication:

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT COMMEMORATED, by the Ninety-Fifth Legislature of the State
 13 of South Dakota, that the Legislature honor and congratulate Derek DeGeest for being
 14 selected as South Dakota Small Business Person of the Year.