



2021 South Dakota Legislature

Senate Commemoration 819

Introduced by: **Senators** Stalzer, Schoenbeck, and V. J. Smith and **Representatives** Goodwin, Finck, and Perry

1 **A LEGISLATIVE COMMEMORATION, Honoring Master Sergeant Matt Smith of the**
2 **South Dakota Air National Guard for receiving the Valley Forge Cross for**
3 **Heroism.**

4 WHEREAS, Master Sergeant Matt Smith of the South Dakota Air National Guard
5 demonstrated selfless service and heroism when he assisted in the care of a driver of a rolled
6 vehicle; and

7 WHEREAS, Master Sergeant Smith placed himself in harm's way to provide aid and comfort
8 to the driver. Master Sergeant Smith protected the driver from fuel leaking in the vehicle and
9 extreme weather until medical personnel arrived; and

10 WHEREAS, the National Guard Association of the United States awarded Master Sergeant
11 Smith the Valley Forge Cross for Heroism for his exemplary and heroic actions:

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT COMMEMORATED, by the Ninety-Sixth Legislature of the State
13 of South Dakota, that the Legislature honors and congratulates Master Sergeant Matt Smith
14 of the South Dakota Air National Guard for receiving the 2020 Valley Forge Cross for Heroism
15 from the National Guard Association of the United States. Master Sergeant Smith is further
16 recognized for his outstanding service to South Dakota and the United States.