
South Dakota Legislature



Senate Commemoration 819

Introduced by: **Senators** Stalzer, Castleberry, Duvall, Brock Greenfield, Nesiba, Schoenbeck, V. J. Smith, Wiik, and Zikmund and **Representatives** Goodwin, Bartels, Chaffee, Duba, Finck, Perry, Pourier, and Reed

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

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

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

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

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

