



2022 South Dakota Legislature

Senate Commemoration 803

Introduced by: **Senators** Nesiba and Schoenbeck and **Representatives** Duba, Reed, and Jamie Smith

1 **A LEGISLATIVE COMMEMORATION, honoring and commending Dow Rummel Village**
2 **for its ninety-four percent vaccination rate among staff members.**

3 WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic continues to affect the state of South Dakota with
4 new cases reaching records daily; and

5 WHEREAS, the COVID-19 vaccine greatly reduces the chance of severe illness as the risk
6 of being hospitalized is eight times lower for vaccinated adults; and

7 WHEREAS, the ninety-four percent vaccination rate among staff at Dow Rummel Village,
8 a retirement home in Sioux Falls, surpasses South Dakota's statewide vaccination rate of just
9 under sixty-three percent; and

10 WHEREAS, the vaccination of staff at Dow Rummel Village increases the safety and
11 comfort of residents who rely on staff for their daily accommodations and support;

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT COMMEMORATED, by the Ninety-Seventh Session Legislature of
13 the State of South Dakota, that Dow Rummel Village be honored for promoting the wellness
14 of its employees, increasing the safety of its residents, showcasing its commitment to
15 reducing the severity of the pandemic, and for being an exemplary healthcare institution in
16 the state of South Dakota.