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House Commemoration 8013

Introduced by: **Representatives** Weisgram, Bartels, Blare, Callies, Duba, Emery, Moore, Perry, Pinnow, Pourier, Reisch, Stevens, and Teunissen and **Senators** Mehlhaff, Bolin, and Zikmund

1 **A LEGISLATIVE COMMEMORATION, Honoring Hayden Joe Schmautz of Fort Pierre**
 2 **for a life of service tragically cut short.**

3 WHEREAS, Hayden Joe Schmautz, 19, of Fort Pierre died tragically in a vehicle collision
 4 on South Dakota Highway 1804 on November 10, 2023; and

5 WHEREAS, Hayden was already a respected member of the Fort Pierre Volunteer Fire
 6 Department; and

7 WHEREAS, Hayden not only served his local community but had also used his training to
 8 help fight wildfires in Texas in 2023; and

9 WHEREAS, Hayden's good nature was familiar to everyone in A.B.A.T.E. South Dakota,
 10 the Oahe Chapter; Pierre Street Masters car club; Roadhouse Bike Night; and the Fort Pierre
 11 Volunteer Fire Department; and

12 WHEREAS, Hayden's way of dispensing kindness with a smile and a hug made others feel
 13 seen;

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT COMMEMORATED, by the Ninety-Ninth Legislature of the State
 15 of South Dakota, that Hayden Joe Schmautz of Fort Pierre had already demonstrated a
 16 commitment to service in his brief life, and he leaves behind a legacy of faith, kindness,
 17 dedication, and community involvement.