



## 2024 South Dakota Legislature

# House Commemoration 8019

Introduced by: **Representative** Lesmeister

1    **A LEGISLATIVE COMMEMORATION, Congratulating Tucker Kraft on his outstanding**  
2    **football career and being drafted into the National Football League.**

3    WHEREAS, Tucker Kraft, born on November 3, 2000, was raised in Timber Lake, South  
4    Dakota, a town on the Cheyenne River Reservation, to Tausha Kraft and the late Doug Kraft;  
5    and

6    WHEREAS, Tucker excelled in high school basketball, track, and most notably, football,  
7    which paved the path for continued success in his athletic career; and

8    WHEREAS, Tucker's talent earned him a full scholarship to South Dakota State University,  
9    where Tucker's dedication and resilience culminated in him becoming a NCAA Division I  
10   Football Championship Subdivision (FCS) National Champion and a two-time FCS All-  
11   American. He twice earned first-team All-Missouri Valley Football Conference honors, etching  
12   his name in Jackrabbit history; and

13   WHEREAS, on May 17, 2023, the Green Bay Packers drafted Tucker in the third round,  
14   78th overall, welcoming him into the storied ranks of professional football; and

15   WHEREAS, at the end of his rookie season, Tucker amassed 31 receptions, 355 receiving  
16   yards, two touchdowns, and an impressive 11.5 average yards per reception:

17   NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT COMMEMORATED, by the Ninety-Ninth Legislature of the State  
18   of South Dakota, that the Legislature congratulates Tucker Kraft on his outstanding football  
19   career and being drafted into the National Football League.