



2024 South Dakota Legislature

House Commemoration 8031

Introduced by: **Representative Jensen (Phil)** and **Senator Pischke**

1 **A LEGISLATIVE COMMEMORATION, Recognizing Nancy Green, the spokesperson for**
2 **Aunt Jemima, as a true American success story that was erased from history.**

3 WHEREAS, Nancy Green, the woman known to the world as Aunt Jemima, is an example
4 of a true American success story; and

5 WHEREAS, Nancy was born as a slave in Montgomery County, Kentucky, in 1834; and

6 WHEREAS, Nancy was fifty-six years old when she was selected to be the spokesperson
7 for a new ready-mixed, self-rising pancake flour and made her debut in 1893 at an exposition
8 in Chicago; and

9 WHEREAS, Nancy became an immediate star when she demonstrated the pancake mix
10 and served thousands of pancakes; and

11 WHEREAS, Nancy's exhibition booth drew so many people that special security personnel
12 had to be assigned to keep the crowds moving; and

13 WHEREAS, with her warm and appealing personality, Nancy was a good storyteller with
14 exceptional showmanship; and

15 WHEREAS, Nancy was signed to a lifetime contract, traveled on promotional tours all over
16 the country, and was extremely well paid for her work; and

17 WHEREAS, Nancy was the first living trademark and became a wealthy superstar in the
18 advertising world; and

19 WHEREAS, Nancy's financial freedom and stature as a national spokesperson enabled her
20 to become a leading advocate against poverty and for equal rights for all Americans;

21 WHEREAS, Nancy continued working until her death in 1923, at the age of 89:

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT COMMEMORATED, by the Ninety-Ninth Legislature of the State
2 of South Dakota, that Nancy Green was a remarkable woman whose story has been sadly
3 erased by politics, and the Aunt Jemima brand is a continued tribute to her remarkable life
4 and her many gifts and talents.