

## 2025 South Dakota Legislature

## **House Commemoration 8010**

Introduced by: Representatives Moore and Kull and Senator Perry

Т	A LEGISLATIVE COMMEMORATION, Celebrating the sixty-eighth anniversary of the
2	Little People of America.
3	WHEREAS, the Little People of America, Inc., a non-profit organization, is the nation's
4	largest and oldest organization for people with dwarfism; and
5	WHEREAS, dwarfism is medical or genetic condition that results in shorter stature of the
6	affected person; and
7	WHEREAS, it is estimated that there are two hundred people living in South Dakota with
8	dwarfism, and sixty-five thousand people living with dwarfism in the United States; and
9	WHEREAS, the popularity of, and the need for, Little People of America is at a historic
10	high, growing from twenty members in 1957, to more than seven thousand five hundred in
11	<u>2025; and</u>
12	WHEREAS, the Little People of America annually hosts national conferences that allow little
13	people to meet others with the same medical conditions and families of little people to interact
14	with each other; and
15	WHEREAS, South Dakota's little people are part of the Little People of America district
16	nine, and contribute to the success of the district by providing ideas, advocating for others,
17	and attending events; and
18	WHEREAS, the Little People of America is dedicated to improving the lives of those with
19	dwarfism and provides guidance on adoption, parenting, medical needs, educational
20	scholarships, and advocacy
21	NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT COMMEMORATED, by the One Hundredth Legislature of the State
22	of South Dakota, that the Little People of America organization is celebrated for its sixty-eight
23	years of service to its members and community.