



2021 South Dakota Legislature

House Commemoration 8014

Introduced by: **Representative Pourier**

1 **A LEGISLATIVE COMMEMORATION, Honoring the life and work of Captain Kenith**
2 **Franks of the Oglala Sioux Tribe.**

3 WHEREAS, Captain Franks served in the United States Army from 1985 through 1995.
4 Thereafter, he commenced his service with the Oglala Sioux Tribe Department of Public Safety
5 (OSTDPS); and

6 WHEREAS, Captain Franks worked in corrections, completed federal law enforcement
7 training, became an OSTDPS patrol officer in January 1998, became an OSTDPS sergeant in
8 January 2004, and transitioned to a highway safety officer in May 2011—all in his twenty-four
9 years of service with OSTDPS. Captain Franks has managed the highway safety program as
10 the captain of the highway safety division for the last ten years; and

11 WHEREAS, Captain Franks received numerous awards and recognition during his career
12 in public safety, including the National Administrators Public Service Award by the Federal
13 Highway Administration, the OSTDPS Gold Star Unit Award in 2012, the Indian Highway
14 Safety Division Excellence in Public Safety Award in 2018, and the OSTDPS Highway Safety
15 Appreciation Award in 2019; and

16 WHEREAS, Captain Franks was an ambassador for OSTDPS by representing Indian
17 Country at National Highway Safety conferences; and

18 WHEREAS, Captain Franks was a leader in the community by educating the youth on the
19 safety of seat belts and car seats as well as his involvement with little league baseball and
20 basketball; and

21 WHEREAS, Captain Franks was appreciated by the Oglala Sioux Tribe community and his
22 presence will be missed;

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT COMMEMORATED, by the Ninety-Sixth Legislature of the State
2 of South Dakota, that the Legislature honors and commends Captain Kenith Franks on his
3 accomplishments and contributions to the state of South Dakota.