



2022 South Dakota Legislature

Senate Commemoration 807

Introduced by: **Senators** Zikmund, Brock Greenfield, Kolbeck, Nesiba, Schoenbeck, V. J. Smith, Stalzer, and Wiik and **Representatives** Bartels, Barthel, Duba, Goodwin, Healy, Olson, Perry, and Thomason

1 **A LEGISLATIVE COMMEMORATION, Commending the Sioux Falls Little League**
 2 **baseball team for its historic season and participation in the Little League**
 3 **World Series.**

4 WHEREAS, the Sioux Falls Little League baseball team, consisting of team members
 5 Maddux Munson, Noah Kuenzi, Brekken Biteler, Easton Riley, Opland Sonnichsen, Cason
 6 Mediger, Beau Koerner, Gunnar Alfson, Boston Bryant, Brayson Fox, Gavin Weir, Hayden
 7 Gorsett, Kye Carlson, and Alex McKinney, and coaching staff Mike Gorset, Devin Alfson, Jeff
 8 Riley, and Ryan Mediger, had an outstanding 2021 season; and

9 WHEREAS, the Sioux Falls Little League team won the East River District Tournament,
 10 beating both Huron and Brandon Valley to clinch the title. The team went on to win the South
 11 Dakota Little League State Tournament by beating Pierre and the Harney All-Stars, thereby
 12 advancing as the South Dakota representative to the Midwest Regional Tournament in
 13 Indianapolis, Indiana. In Indianapolis, the team bested Iowa, Missouri, and Nebraska to
 14 secure a spot in the Little League World Series in Williamsport, Pennsylvania; and

15 WHEREAS, at the Little League World Series, the Sioux Falls Little League team beat
 16 Louisiana, Oregon, and California before falling to Ohio in the Tom Sever Bracket
 17 Championship game. The team then lost to Hawaii in the third/fourth place game, ultimately
 18 finishing fourth in the world. The team's fourth place finish was the best-ever finish by a
 19 Midwest team, and the win against Louisiana in the opening game was the first-ever win by
 20 a South Dakota team in the winner's bracket; and

21 WHEREAS, the Sioux Falls Little League team's remarkable journey through the Little
 22 League World Series sparked overwhelming pride and support for the team across the entire
 23 state of South Dakota, with communities uniting and cheering the team on from afar:

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT COMMEMORATED, by the Ninety-Seventh Legislature of the
 25 State of South Dakota, that the Sioux Falls Little League team be commended for its historic

- 1 and outstanding 2021 baseball season, and for admirably representing the state of South
- 2 Dakota on the national and world stage.