



## 2022 South Dakota Legislature

# Senate Commemoration 821

Introduced by: **Senator Brock Greenfield**

1 **A LEGISLATIVE COMMEMORATION, Honoring Angela Ehlers for being the 2021**  
2 **recipient of the Spirit of Dakota award.**

3 WHEREAS, this state has been built on the shoulders of great women—true pioneers who  
4 have gone forth in an assertive and determined manner to improve our communities and  
5 better our state; and

6 WHEREAS, Angela Ehlers is one of those great women—focusing on "we" not "me,"  
7 remembering from where we came, identifying where we need to go, and determining how  
8 we can get there; and

9 WHEREAS, after graduating from South Dakota State University with degrees in  
10 agricultural business and commercial economics, Angela Ehlers set out to preserve her  
11 heritage and the land around her for future generations, and to leave that land in a better  
12 place for the benefit of future generations; and

13 WHEREAS, Angela Ehlers managed the American Creek Conservation District and served  
14 for thirty-two years as the executive director of the South Dakota Association of Conservation  
15 Districts, while also being an emergency medical technician, a member of various councils  
16 and committees at her church in Presho, and the president of the Avera St. Mary's Hospital  
17 Foundation in Pierre; and

18 WHEREAS, the State of South Dakota owes Angela Ehlers a debt of gratitude for her  
19 selfless efforts in the areas of conservation and for her ability to inspire current and future  
20 leaders;

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT COMMEMORATED, by the Ninety-Seventh Legislature of the  
22 State of South Dakota, that the incredible accomplishments of Angela Ehlers are worthy of  
23 note, that her gift of lifelong service to this state is worthy of gratitude, and that her status  
24 as the newest recipient of the Spirit of Dakota is worthy of our highest praise.