

HOUSE COMMEMORATION NO. 1022

Introduced by: Representatives Rounds and Duvall and Senators Monroe and Tieszen

A LEGISLATIVE COMMEMORATION, Congratulating and honoring the 2016 South Dakota First Tech Challenge Robotics Team "Loading..."

WHEREAS, the First Tech Challenge (FTC) is a part of the South Dakota Robotics Association which was organized to teach robotics and engineering classes and to allow South Dakota to be an official FIRST region; and

WHEREAS, students that participate in FTC show a greater interest in science, technology, computers, robots, and problem solving. Students who participate in this "Sport for the Mind" learn thinking skills, problem-solving skills, work-place related skills, and research skills; and

WHEREAS, the South Dakota FTC Team "Loading..." competed in the championship tournament in Bismarck, North Dakota, on January 30, 2016, and won the first place Inspire Award and the Think! Award; and

WHEREAS, the South Dakota FTC Team "Loading..." competed in the championship tournament in Lincoln, Nebraska, on February 6, 2016, and won the second place Inspire Award and the Rockwell Collins Innovation Award; and

WHEREAS, the South Dakota FTC Team "Loading..." has earned a spot at the North Super-Regional competition to be held in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, on March 17-19, 2016:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT COMMEMORATED, by the Ninety-First Legislature of the State of South Dakota, that the Legislature honors the 2016 South Dakota FTC Team "Loading..." team members William Kessler, Haley Ketteler, Austin Lentsch, Matthew Pugh, Nathan Remmich, Cassandra Ryckman, Samuel Ryckman, Seth Snyder, and Zayn Snyder, and coaches Nancy Ketteler and Bradley Remmich for their many great achievements in the area of robotics.

