

HOUSE COMMEMORATION NO. 1025

Introduced by: Representatives Gosch, Conzet, Cronin, Lust, Munsterman, Sly, Westra, and Wink and Senators Brown, Holien, Lederman, Maher, Rave, and Rhoden

A LEGISLATIVE COMMEMORATION, Honoring Chief Warrant Officer Two Benjamin J. Smetana for his service as a member of the South Dakota Army National Guard.

WHEREAS, CW2 Benjamin Smetana was born in Pennsylvania and raised in South Dakota. CW2 Smetana enlisted in the South Dakota Army National Guard as a 71L, Administrative Specialist. He was appointed as a warrant officer in March 2009; and

WHEREAS, CW2 Smetana is a graduate of the Adjutant General Warrant Officer Advanced Course, Warrant Officer Basic Course, Warrant Officer Candidate School, 42A Basic Noncommissioned Officer Course, Primary Leaders Development Course, as well as various other MOS specific courses; and

WHEREAS, CW2 Smetana is currently assigned as an HR Technician for the 196th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade. CW2 Smetana was previously assigned as a unit administration NCO for the 147th Field Artillery Brigade, assistant personnel services NCO for the 1/147th FA, and personnel services NCO for the 1/147th FA; and

WHEREAS, CW2 Smetana's deployments include Operation Iraqi Freedom, Tallil, IZ 2007-2008; and

WHEREAS, CW2 Smetana was honored in 2013 as the South Dakota Army National Guard's Warrant Officer of the Year:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT COMMEMORATED, by the Eighty-Ninth Legislature of the State of South Dakota, that the Legislature recognizes and honors Chief Warrant Officer Two Benjamin J. Smetana for his exemplary service as a member of the South Dakota National Guard.

