

South Dakota Legislature



House Commemoration 8007

Introduced by: **Representatives** Goodwin, Anderson, Bartels, Barthel, Beal, Bordeaux, Borglum, Chaffee, Chase, Dennert, Diedrich, Duba, Duvall, Finck, Frye-Mueller, Glanzer, Lana Greenfield, Howard, Hunhoff, Chris Johnson, David Johnson, Koth, Lesmeister, McCleerey, Miskimins, Herman Otten, Perry, Kent Peterson, Sue Peterson, Pischke, Post, Reed, Rounds, Jamie Smith, Steele, Weis, Willadsen, and Zikmund and **Senators** Novstrup, Castleberry, Ewing, Brock Greenfield, Phil Jensen, Kennedy, Kolbeck, Lake, Nesiba, Ernie Otten, Partridge, Rusch, Russell, Schoenbeck, Schoenfish, V. J. Smith, Soholt, Stalzer, Steinhauer, White, Wiik, and Youngberg

ENTITLED A LEGISLATIVE COMMEMORATION, Commending the South Dakota Army National Guard's Ellwein family of Rapid City for being awarded the Association of the United States Army Volunteer Family of the Year Award for 2019.

WHEREAS, Ellwein family members Sergeant Major Dianne Ellwein, Retired Chief Warrant Officer 4 Fredrick Ellwein, and their children Katlin, Tyler and Austin, were presented the AUSA Volunteer Family of the Year Award for exceptionally meritorious service in direct support of soldiers and families while serving on active duty for U.S. Army Europe in Wiesbaden, Germany; and

WHEREAS, the Ellwein family selflessly spent countless hours giving back to their community and participating in activities that promote the wellbeing of soldiers and their families; and

WHEREAS, in 2019 alone, the Ellwein family has amassed almost 4,400 hours of volunteer work in a variety of community, church, and civic causes that has shown their willingness to go above and beyond to help others, and

WHEREAS, the Ellwein family embodies the spirit of volunteerism and have each provided exceptional service to the Army, its soldiers, and families with impressive contributions in the Wiesbaden military community:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT COMMEMORATED, by the Ninety-Fifth Legislature of the State of South Dakota, that the Legislature expresses its respect, commendation, and congratulations to the South Dakota Army National Guard's Ellwein family for their AUSA Volunteer Family of the Year Award. The Ellwein family is recognized for their outstanding service to the great state of South Dakota and the United States of America.