
South Dakota Legislature



House Commemoration 8010

Introduced by: **Representatives** Reed, Deutsch, Mills, Post, and Wiese and **Senators** V. J. Smith and Wiik

ENTITLED A LEGISLATIVE COMMEMORATION, honoring and commending Brookings Area Habitat for Humanity for twenty-five years of working toward their vision of creating a world where everyone has a decent place to live by building and preserving decent and affordable housing.

WHEREAS, the lack of affordable housing for the lowest income households is a serious problem across the state; and

WHEREAS, Brookings Habitat was founded in February of 1995 and is part of Habitat for Humanity-International's global mission advocating for increased access to decent and affordable housing; and

WHEREAS, Brookings Habitat, through partnerships with homeowners, volunteers, and sponsors, not only builds houses, but builds homes, relationships, and neighborhoods where families in our communities are offered a better life; where children are safe; where property values increase and crime is reduced; and where dreams of homeownership become a reality; and

WHEREAS, Brookings Habitat has worked alongside one hundred forty families in Brookings and Lake Counties building greater strength, stability, and self-reliance through shelter; and

WHEREAS, Brookings Habitat continues this work year after year, engaging hundreds of volunteers working alongside homebuyers who provide sweat equity, a down payment, and who pay an affordable mortgage; and

WHEREAS, Brookings Habitat families are good neighbors and active members of their community; and

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WHEREAS, Brookings Area Habitat for Humanity ReStore collects donations of household goods, furniture, and construction materials making them available at low cost to members of the community while at the same time diverting over one hundred tons of material annually from our landfill; and

WHEREAS, Brookings Area Habitat for Humanity continues working on the elimination of substandard housing through philanthropy, volunteering, praying, and advocating for better housing solutions:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT COMMEMORATED, by the Ninety-Fifth Legislature of the State of South Dakota, that the Legislature commends and honors Brookings Area Habitat for Humanity for their service to the Brookings and Lake Counties and the state of South Dakota.

