



2020 South Dakota Legislature

House Commemoration 8017

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1 **A LEGISLATIVE COMMEMORATION, Commending the South Dakota Army National**
 2 **Guard's 139th Brigade Support Battalion of Brookings for being awarded the**
 3 **Major General Milton A. Reckard Trophy and General Walter T. Kerwin Jr.**
 4 **Award for 2019.**

5 WHEREAS, the South Dakota Army National Guard's 139th BSB was presented the Major
 6 General Milton A. Reckard Trophy as the most outstanding Army National Guard battalion in
 7 the nation for achieving the highest standards in training and readiness; and

8 WHEREAS, the 139th BSB was also awarded the General Walter T. Kerwin Jr. Award as
 9 the most outstanding Army National Guard battalion in the nation for demonstrated excellence
 10 in operational planning, execution of training and maintaining high-readiness standards; and

11 WHEREAS, the selection is based on overall combat readiness and the unit's performance
 12 with respect to all other Army National Guard units in personnel strength, individual and crew
 13 served weapons firing, the army physical fitness test, unit manning, skill level qualifications,
 14 retention, drill attendance, operational readiness inspections, supply operations and
 15 management, outstanding accomplishments and special missions all being factors in the
 16 evaluation and selection; and

17 WHEREAS, the 139th BSB continues to demonstrate continued support to their community
 18 and the state of South Dakota:

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT COMMEMORATED, by the Ninety-Fifth Legislature of the State
 20 of South Dakota, that the South Dakota Legislature expresses its respect, commendation and
 21 congratulations to the South Dakota Army National Guard 139th BSB for their being awarded

- 1 the Reckard Trophy and Kerwin Award. The 139th Brigade Support Battalion is recognized for
- 2 their outstanding service to the great State of South Dakota and the United States of America.