



2020 South Dakota Legislature

House Commemoration 8020

*Introduced by: **Representatives** Sue Peterson, Bartels, Barthel, Beal, Borglum, Deutsch, Diedrich, Duvall, Finck, Frye-Mueller, Glanzer, Goodwin, Gosch, Lana Greenfield, Howard, Hunhoff, Johns, Karr, Koth, Mills, Milstead, Herman Otten, Perry, Kent Peterson, Qualm, Randolph, Rasmussen, Reed, Rounds, Steele, Wangsness, Weis, and Wiese and **Senators** Kolbeck, Duhamel, Nesiba, Novstrup, Partridge, Schoenbeck, and V. J. Smith*

1 **A LEGISLATIVE COMMEMORATION, To honor the Sioux Falls O'Gorman Knights as**
 2 **the 2019 Class 11 AAA State High School Football Champions.**

3 WHEREAS, the 2019 Sioux Falls O'Gorman Knights football team is led by head coach
 4 Jayson Poppinga, and assistant coaches, Shannon Poppinga, Vinnie Olsen, Alex Anderson,
 5 Austin Wagner, Greg McKinstry, Layne Hohn, Alexander Gray, Barry Nagel; and

6 WHEREAS, during the 2019 season, the O'Gorman Knights team roster included 25 seniors
 7 and 64 varsity players:

8 Seniors: (#1) Kaden Hackman, (#4) Tip Reiman, (#5) John Kunkel, (#13) Zach Norton,
 9 (#16) Logan Jones, (#17) Gunnar Jones, (#19) Drew Krouse, (#20) Grant Smith, (#22) Alex
 10 Kowalczyk, (#23) Jacob Wuestewald, (#24) Jacob Byrd, (#27) Daniel Ratzloff, (#30) Tate
 11 Wishard, (#32) Jordan Dahl, (#36) Joe Larson, (#37) Joe Mattecheck, (#44) Jonah Wuebben,
 12 (#45) Cade Mikuska, (#50) Jacob Doeden, (#51) Ronnie Bargmann, (#52) KG Gebreziabher,
 13 (#64) Patrick Wilde, (#70) Liam Sorensen, (#72) Lucas Berthelsen, and (#77) Will
 14 Washenberger; and

15 Juniors: (#2) Sam Stukel, (#3) Michael Shea, (#6) Beau Beavers, (# 9) Harry Hueners,
 16 (#10) Teegan Schlimgen, (#14) Conor Pavelko, (#25) Jacob Schwab, (#34) Carson Langston,
 17 (#40) Thomas Clinton, (#42) Gavin Cotter, (#54) Jacob Bain, (#55) Eddie Meylor, (#60)
 18 Matthew Winterton, (#63) John Mieras, (#66) Matt Peters, (#68) Will Weisensee, and (#71)
 19 Deven Brenner; and

20 Sophomores: (#7) Tristin VanWassenhove, (#8) Rush Landry, (#11) Maverick Jarding, (#12)
 21 Preston Konechne, (#15) Andrew Nelson, (#18) Jack White, (#21) Logan Hight, (#26)
 22 Emanuel Struck, (#28) Luke Gulseth, (#29) Austin Antonen, (#31) Wyatt Hermsen, (#33)
 23 Anders Mattecheck, (#35) Quinn Dunham, (#38) Easton Beavers, (#39) Carter Petersen,

1 (#41) Ryan Bornhoft, (#53) Peter Benson, (#56) Chase Wagner, (#57) Zach Carlson, (#58)
2 Chase Harris, (#59) Matthew Viehweg, and (#74) William Peterson; and

3 Manager: Molly Johnson; Statistician: Mark Petrasko; Athletic Trainer: Tiffany Giese;
4 Superintendent: Kyle Groos; Principal: Joan Mahoney; and Athletic Director: Steve Kueter;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, the Knights won the school's first 11 AAA State Championship football title on
7 November 15, 2019, at the Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium on the campus of South Dakota State
8 University; and

9 WHEREAS, it was the ninth football state title in school history, and the Knights' first
10 football State Championship title since their back-to-back state titles in 2004 and 2005; and

11 WHEREAS, the team fought back from multiple injuries and two early-season losses to win
12 eight straight games; and

13 WHEREAS, exemplifying excellence and team unity, the O'Gorman Knights scored two
14 third-quarter touchdowns to rally past defending state champions Brandon Valley to a final
15 score of 21-16:

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT COMMEMORATED, by the Ninety-Fifth Legislature of the State
17 of South Dakota, that the Sioux Falls O'Gorman Knights football team be congratulated as the
18 2019 Class 11 AAA State High School Football Champions!