



Date: March 29, 2022

Resolution 22-1: A Resolution in Memory of Dennis John “DJ” Crawley-Smith

Introduced by: Executive Director Sehr and Director Brust

Action: Approved 12-0-0

WHEREAS: South Dakota students lost a driven and passionate leader with the death of Dennis John “DJ” Crawley-Smith on March 21, 2022, at the age of 30;

WHEREAS: DJ served two terms in the South Dakota Student Federation, as a Director by virtue of being Vice President of the University of South Dakota Student Government Association from 2012–13 and as Executive Director from 2013–14;

WHEREAS: In these positions, he was a passionate advocate for students, promoting the passage of a campus smoking ban, new sexual assault policies for the Board of Regents, and multiple student health awareness programs;

WHEREAS: Driven by his experience with mental health and LGBTQ+ stigma at Mitchell High School, DJ launched Lost&Found, a nonprofit with the aim “to do more” to eliminate suicide among young adults in the United States. This organization is now in its twelfth year, working across the state and region, with chapters at multiple regental schools, to raise mental health and suicide awareness and give a support network to all students;

WHEREAS: In his short time on earth, he dedicated vast amounts of energy to improving the lives of South Dakota students. Many members of the Student Federation fill a seat once occupied by DJ, and though we can never fill his shoes, we should always “do more” to continue building our abilities to support ourselves and support others; so,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: The South Dakota Student Federation recognizes the singular achievements of Dennis John “DJ” Crawley-Smith on behalf of South Dakota students and offers its sincerest condolences to his family and support system.

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