

***Executive Proclamation***  
***State of South Dakota***  
***Office of the Governor***

*Whereas*, Sergeant First Class Robert E. Young's dedication to service has made him a valuable asset to this state and country; and,

*Whereas*, We have very few occasions to recognize the patriotic individuals for their service to this state and country; and,

*Whereas*, Sergeant First Class Young has devoted over 20 years of his life to the service of this state and country as a Journalist and Truck Driver, including service in Operation Iraqi Freedom and his several years of dedication to the Golden Coyote Training Exercise; and,

*Whereas*, His loyalty and leadership have made him a cornerstone in the Armed Forces of this country; and,

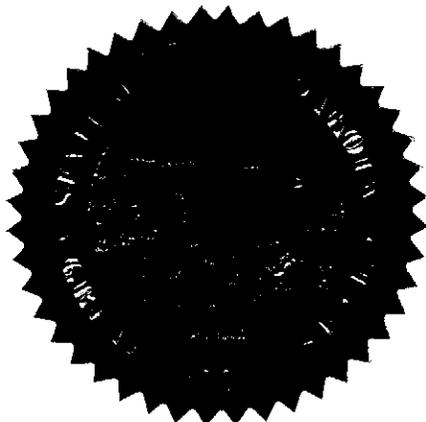
*Whereas*, Sergeant First Class Young continues to give of himself; and,

*Whereas*, It is fitting and proper as Governor to commend Sergeant First Class Robert E. Young for over 20 years of dedicated and outstanding service to this state and country:

*Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard*, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim April 13, 2012 as

***SERGEANT FIRST CLASS***  
***ROBERT E. YOUNG DAY***

in South Dakota, and I join with his family and friends in wishing him well in his retirement and thanking him for his service to the state of South Dakota and to the United States of America.



*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-first Day of March in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Twelve.

*Dennis Daugaard*  
Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

*Judy A. Larson, Exec. Asst.*  
Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State