

SENATE COMMEMORATION NO. 18

Introduced by: Senators Hundstad, Albers, Apa, Bartling, Duenwald, Gant, Hanson (Gary), Hauge, Heidepriem, Hoerth, Jerstad, Katus, Kloucek, Knudson, Koetzle, Maher, McCracken, Napoli, Nesselhuf, Olson (Ed), Peterson (Jim), Schmidt (Dennis), Sutton, Turbak, and Two Bulls and Representatives Dennert, Ahlers, Boomgarden, Bradford, Brunner, Buckingham, Burg, Carson, Cutler, Davis, Deadrick, DeVries, Dreyer, Dykstra, Elliott, Engels, Faehn, Feinstein, Gassman, Gillespie, Gilson, Glenski, Hackl, Halverson, Hanks, Haverly, Heineman, Hills, Howie, Hunt, Jerke, Juhnke, Kirkeby, Krebs, Lucas, Lust, McLaughlin, Miles, Moore, Nelson, Noem, Novstrup (Al), Novstrup (David), Nygaard, Olson (Betty), Olson (Russell), Olson (Ryan), Pederson (Gordon), Peters, Pitts, Putnam, Rausch, Rave, Rhoden, Rounds, Sigdestad, Steele, Street, Thompson, Tidemann, Turbiville, Van Etten, Van Norman, Vanneman, Vehle, Weems, Wick, and Willadsen

A LEGISLATIVE COMMEMORATION, Commending and honoring Adam Ochsner for receiving the Prudential Spirit of Community Award for being one of the top volunteers in South Dakota.

WHEREAS, Adam Ochsner, an esteemed resident of Aberdeen and a student at Warner Middle School, has achieved national recognition for exemplary volunteer service by receiving a 2007 Prudential Spirit of Community Award. This award is presented by Prudential Financial in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals to honor young volunteers across America who have demonstrated an extraordinary commitment to serving their communities; and

WHEREAS, Adam Ochsner earned this award by giving generously of his time and energy to volunteer to stay after school to help younger students with their homework and to assist teachers in a variety of ways, including assistance to the school's technology coordinator with various computer projects. Adam also regularly asks other teachers and school personnel if they need help and has recruited other students to join him in his after-school volunteering; and

WHEREAS, the success of the State of South Dakota, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of American society depend, in great measure, upon the dedication of young people like Adam Ochsner who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT COMMEMORATED, by the Eighty-second Legislature of the State of South Dakota, that Adam Ochsner be commended and honored as a recipient of the Prudential Spirit of Community Award, and for his outstanding record of volunteer service, leadership, and community spirit.