

SENATE COMMEMORATION NO. 17

Introduced by: Senators Sutton (Dan), Diedrich (Larry), Ham, and McIntyre and Representatives Slaughter, Garnos, Jaspers, Lange, and Peterson (Jim)

A LEGISLATIVE COMMEMORATION, Honoring Mary Kate Sershen of Chester as a recipient of the 2002 Prudential Spirit of Community Award.

WHEREAS, Mary Kate Sershen, an esteemed resident of Chester and a student at Chester Area School, has achieved national recognition for exemplary volunteer service by receiving a 2002 Prudential Spirit of Community Award; and

WHEREAS, this prestigious award, presented by Prudential Financial in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals, honors young volunteers across America who have demonstrated an extraordinary commitment to serving their communities. Ms. Sershen earned this award by giving generously of her time to outstanding acts of volunteerism; 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 Ms. Sershen who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT COMMEMORATED, by the Seventy-seventh Legislature of the State of South Dakota, that this legislative body hereby congratulates and honors Ms. Sershen as a recipient of a 2002 Prudential Spirit of Community Award, recognizes her outstanding record of volunteer service, peer leadership and community spirit, and extends best wishes for her continued success and happiness.