

HOUSE COMMEMORATION NO. 1015

Introduced by: Representatives Johns, Bartling, Beal, Bordeaux, Craig, Cronin, Deutsch, Duvall, Feickert, Gibson, Harrison, Hawks, Hawley, Hunhoff (Jean), Jensen (Alex), Killer, Kirschman, Latterell, May, McCleerey, Otten (Herman), Partridge, Peterson (Kent), Ring, Romkema, Rounds, Schoenbeck, Schrempp, Sly, Soli, Solum, Steinhauer, Tulson, and Verchio and Senators Ewing, Bradford, Haverly, Monroe, Novstrup (David), Rusch, Soholt, Vehle, and White

A LEGISLATIVE COMMEMORATION, Honoring Danika Gordon for the outstanding honor of being named one of the top two youth volunteers in South Dakota in the twenty-first annual Prudential Spirit of Community Awards.

WHEREAS, thirteen-year-old Danika Gordon, an esteemed resident of Whitewood, South Dakota, and a student at Sturgis Williams Middle School, has achieved national recognition for exemplary volunteer service by receiving a 2016 Prudential Spirit of Community Award; and

WHEREAS, this prestigious award honors young volunteers across America who have demonstrated an extraordinary commitment to serving their communities; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Gordon earned this award by giving generously of her time and energy to various monthly service projects as well as her own service project, Character Carnival, which teaches elementary school students about respect, caring, kindness, and good character through the concept of super heroes and super powers; and

WHEREAS, the success of this state, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of American society depend, in great measure, upon the dedication of young people like Ms. Gordon who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT COMMEMORATED, by the Ninety-First Legislature of the State of South Dakota, that the Legislature congratulates and honors Danika Gordon as a recipient of a



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.