

SENATE COMMEMORATION NO. 19

Introduced by: Senator Gillespie

A LEGISLATIVE COMMEMORATION, Honoring Sarah Cork as a Prudential Spirit of Community Award recipient.

WHEREAS, Sarah Cork, an esteemed resident of Jefferson, South Dakota, and a student at Dakota Valley High School, has achieved national recognition for exemplary volunteer service by receiving a 2010 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; and

WHEREAS, Sarah Cork earned this award by giving generously of her time and energy while living with a missionary family in rural Ireland, where she performed numerous activities including teaching vacation Bible school, distributing Christian magazines, participating in group meetings, working at a church bookstore, and assisting missionary families. After three team mission trips, Sarah Cork researched Irish culture, volunteered at a local Bible school in preparation, and solicited donations for expenses in order to travel on her own to Ireland; 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 Sarah Cork who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT COMMEMORATED, by the Eighty-fifth Legislature of the State of South Dakota, that the Legislature congratulates and honors Sarah Cork 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.

