

SENATE COMMEMORATION NO. 18

Introduced by: Senators Solano, DiSanto, Jensen (Phil), Partridge, Soholt, and White

A LEGISLATIVE COMMEMORATION, Congratulating Owen Ponto of Rapid City, South Dakota for the extraordinary honor of winning a 2019 Prudential Spirit of Community Award.

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, Mr. Ponto earned this award by giving generously of his time and energy to his community by introducing an annual hill-climbing event that raised seventeen thousand dollars to help find a cure for Parkinson's disease; 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 Mr. Ponto who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT COMMEMORATED, by the Ninety-Fourth Legislature of the State of South Dakota, that the Legislature congratulates and honors Owen Ponto as a recipient of a Prudential Spirit of Community Award, recognizes his outstanding record of volunteer service, peer leadership and community spirit, and extends best wishes for his continued success and happiness.

