

HOUSE COMMEMORATION NO. 1015

Introduced by: Representatives Feinstein, Cutler, Engels, Glenski, Heineman, Hunt, Krebs, Miles, Peters, Rave, and Thompson and Senators Heidepriem, Abdallah, Dempster, Knudson, and Koetzle

A LEGISLATIVE COMMEMORATION, Honoring five top seniors from Washington High School in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, as finalists for the Merit Scholarship Awards.

WHEREAS, Vance Blankers, Xiang Li, Timothy Marlette, Benjamin Merry, and Derek Shafer were named as finalists in the 2008 competition for Merit Scholarship Awards; and

WHEREAS, these five individuals have displayed remarkable knowledge and critical reading, mathematics, and writing skills, as well as a great individual effort and initiative, which will benefit them well in the pursuit of their personal, educational, and life goals; and

WHEREAS, these students have excelled academically and have been selected out of 1.4 million other entrants to achieve finalist status whereby they join an elite group representing the nation's best and brightest high school students:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT COMMEMORATED, by the Eighty-Third Legislature of the State of South Dakota, that Vance Blankers, Xiang Li, Timothy Marlette, Benjamin Merry, and Derek Schafer be congratulated on being selected as finalists in the 2008 Merit Scholarship Awards competition.

