

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 2

A RESOLUTION, Commending the Jobs for America's Graduates (JAG) pilot program at Wagner Community School, and honoring Sage Zephier for delivering the student address for the JAG National Leadership Awards Luncheon in Washington, D.C.

WHEREAS, Jobs for America's Graduates (JAG) is a state-based national nonprofit organization dedicated to helping students stay in school through graduation, pursue postsecondary education, and secure quality entry-level jobs leading to career advancement opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the JAG pilot program at Wagner Community School is helping Wagner area students between seventh and twelfth grades develop leadership skills, participate in community service, prepare for college, and identify high quality careers; and

WHEREAS, the Wagner Community School, staff, and JAG specialists including Superintendent Susan Smit, High School Principal Neil Goter, Middle School Principal Steve Petry, and JAG specialists Renee VanDerWerff, Tana Langdeaux, Vanessa Iverson, and John Tyler have been successfully leading the program with its first graduating class in 2013; and

WHEREAS, the 2013 graduating class includes Cheyenne Eldredge, Laurelle Gunhammer, Noah Leines, Joseph Mattis, Clarissa Medicine Horn, Clifford O'Connor, Korey Patterson, Tyler Provost, Sierra Williamson, Alexander "Zane" Zephier, and Sage Zephier; and

WHEREAS, among the graduating class, Sage Zephier was selected from more than forty-three thousand JAG students nationwide to deliver the student address for the JAG National Leadership Awards Luncheon in front of one thousand attendees in Washington, D.C:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Senate of the Eighty-Eighth Legislature of the State of South Dakota, that the Senate commends Wagner Community School, staff, and students in JAG for their efforts to help South Dakota students succeed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Senate honors Sage Zephier for delivering the student address for the JAG National Leadership Awards Luncheon in Washington, D.C.

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Matt Michels  
President of the Senate

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Jeannette Schipper  
Secretary of the Senate