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Speaking at 2:15pm.

They would like the Lieutenant Governor to say a few words in recognition of the seniors who volunteer as foster grandparents and senior companions.

National Service Recognition Day

April 3, 2018

Senior Resources

[5 minutes]

· Good afternoon.

· I am Kevin Bryant, your Lieutenant Governor, and it is an honor to be with you to recognize National Service Recognition Day.

· I want to start off by commending you – on both the Foster Grandparent and Senior Companion programs – for setting a combined goal of well over 100,000 hours of service for the year. This is quite an impressive feat, and you all deserve to give yourselves a hand!

[Applause]

· Giving back to our communities demonstrates service above self; it demonstrates a deep desire for helping others, and it is the hallmark of our character as South Carolinians and Americans.

· Part of my job as Lieutenant Governor is overseeing includes workign with the wonderful staff at the

state's Office on Aging. And, I am here to tell you... we could not provide half of the services that we do if it was not for volunteers. From distributing home-delivered meals to visiting seniors in a nursing homes or assisted living facilities, our state's network of aging services is a prime example that volunteers truly make the world go around.

- Your drive for helping others does not go unnoticed. By working together to help a cause greater than your own, you are solving problems, strengthening your community, and providing others with a sense of purpose and companionship.

- Being a volunteer easily translates into being a leader. Every single day, you have the potential to make a huge difference through your integrity... your sacrifice... your example... and your service.

- In closing, I want to share a quote attributed to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. that sums up the importance and rewarding nature of giving back:

"Everybody can be great, because everybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to have to make your subject and your verb agree to serve. You don't have to know about Plato and Aristotle to serve. You don't have to know Einstein's 'Theory of Relativity' to serve. You don't have to know the Second Theory of Thermal Dynamics in Physics to serve. You only need a heart full of grace, a soul generated by love."

- Thank you for what you do – and also to the staff here at Senior Resources, who work hard every day to recruit and courage volunteers – for your genuine desire to help make a positive impact in the lives of others.

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