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SECRETARY MONAE JOHNSON ANNOUNCES WINNER OF THE 2025 JOHN LEWIS YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARD

PIERRE, S.D. — Secretary of State Monae L. Johnson today announced **Ayden Calvert** as the recipient of South Dakota's **2025 John Lewis Youth Leadership Award**, an honor recognizing a young leader who has demonstrated a commitment to civic engagement, community service, and integrity.

The John Lewis Youth Leadership Award, established by the National Association of Secretaries of State (NASS), celebrates the legacy of Congressman John Lewis by honoring exceptional youth who show dedication to advancing positive change in their communities through leadership and public service.

"Ayden Calvert embodies the spirit of service, courage, and civic responsibility that Congressman Lewis represented," said Secretary Johnson. "Ayden's leadership reflects the values of perseverance, kindness, and participation that strengthen our communities and our democracy. We are proud to recognize his achievements and contributions to South Dakota."

Secretary Johnson will formally recognize Calvert during an upcoming meeting at the South Dakota State Capitol in Pierre.

For more information about the John Lewis Youth Leadership Award, visit <https://sdsos.gov/elections-voting/voting/sos-awards.aspx>

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