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Two fundamental statistics in the theory of partitions are Dyson's rank and the Andrews-Garvan crank, which provide combinatorial proofs of partition congruences modulo 5, 7, and 11. Recently, Andrews introduced  $\text{spt}(n)$ , the number of appearances of the smallest parts in all partitions of  $n$ , and he showed how  $\text{spt}(n)$  is related to the second rank and crank moments. Since the introduction, the  $\text{spt}$ -function has attracted a lot of attention due to its rich properties, in particular its connections to the partition function  $p(n)$ , ranks, and cranks. I will give a new generalization of the  $\text{spt}(n)$  in my talk. This is joint work with Atul Dixit from Tulane University. (Received September 05, 2012)