

Regular Session, 2014

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 108

BY SENATOR ADLEY AND REPRESENTATIVE HENRY BURNS

COMMENDATIONS. Commends Madison Waldron of Haughton on being selected as one of two youth volunteers in Louisiana to receive the 19th annual Prudential Spirit of Community Award.

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend and congratulate Madison Waldron on being selected as one of two youth volunteers in Louisiana to receive the 2014 nineteenth annual Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program in recognition of her outstanding record of volunteer service from The National Association of Secondary School Principals and Prudential Financial.

WHEREAS, the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program represents the United States' largest youth recognition program based solely on volunteer service; and

WHEREAS, all public and private middle level and high schools in the country, as well as all Girl Scout councils, county 4-H organizations, American Red Cross chapters, YMCAs and HandsOn Network affiliates, were eligible to select a student or member for a local Prudential Spirit of Community Award; and

WHEREAS, this prestigious award, presented by Prudential Financial in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals, honors young volunteers across the United States who have demonstrated an extraordinary commitment to serving their communities; and

WHEREAS, the nationwide program, in its nineteenth year, recognizes young people for outstanding, self-initiated community service; and

WHEREAS, Madison Waldron is a thirteen year old eighth grade student at

1 Haughton Middle School and has worked tirelessly in her community since she was nine to
2 raise awareness and provide assistance for the homeless dog population which is an
3 epidemic in her area; and

4 WHEREAS, after visiting a local animal shelter at age nine with her mother, it came
5 to her attention that not all dogs had loving, happy homes and she has been on a mission ever
6 since to change that fact; and

7 WHEREAS, Madison's first fund raiser (an iced tea stand) raised sixty dollars in an
8 afternoon which she used to purchase food, treats and toys for dogs at her local shelter; and

9 WHEREAS, Madison has since held two more fund raising events she named
10 "Pennies 4 Pups" which solicited spare change, donations and supplies for the shelter; and

11 WHEREAS, in June of 2012, Madison began partnering with Louisiana Baby
12 Mommas (LABM) a nonprofit organization that rescues expectant mother dogs and puppies
13 from kill shelters or abusive situations across the state and places them with foster families;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, to date, Madison has fostered over one hundred-fifty puppies and
16 mother dogs, and has successfully placed them in permanent homes through her tireless
17 efforts; and

18 WHEREAS, when Madison began fostering, she quickly realized that in addition to
19 the love and care involved, there were associated expenses that needed to be funded in order
20 to be successful; and

21 WHEREAS, to meet those needs, Madison started a campaign to raise money called
22 "Keep Your Paws Clean" where she personalized hand sanitizers with cut vinyl and ribbon
23 for donations; her campaign was very well received and in a little over eight weeks she was
24 able to donate \$2,900 to LABM for the costs and care of the dogs, and to date, she has raised
25 close to \$9,200, including cash, food, treats, toys, towels, collars, and leashes; and

26 WHEREAS, everyday Madison strives to improve the lives of homeless and foster
27 dogs by her work fostering, fund raising and encouraging and promoting adoption from local
28 rescues and shelters; and

29 WHEREAS, this extraordinary young woman exemplifies the spirit of community
30 that is so important to the future of our state, cities, towns, and neighborhoods; and

31 WHEREAS, the success of the state of Louisiana, the strength of our communities,

1 and the overall vitality of American society depends, in great measure, upon the dedication
2 of young people like Madison Waldron who use their compassionate hearts, considerable
3 talents and resources to help others.

4 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana commends and
5 congratulates Madison Waldron on being chosen as the Louisiana Middle School Level State
6 Honoree for the 2014 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards, and recognizes her
7 outstanding record of volunteer service, peer leadership and community spirit, and extends
8 to her best wishes for continued success and happiness in her future.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to
10 Madison Waldron.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Tammy Crain Waldrop.

DIGEST

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