

2019 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 77

BY REPRESENTATIVE SEABAUGH

COMMENDATIONS: Commends the 2019 Prudential Spirit of Community Award winners

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend the 2019 Prudential Spirit of Community Award winners.

3 WHEREAS, presented by Prudential Financial, Incorporated, in partnership with the  
4 National Association of Secondary School principals, the Prudential Spirit of Community  
5 Award Winners acknowledge middle and high school students across America who have  
6 demonstrated exemplary volunteerism and an extraordinary commitment to their  
7 communities; the criteria for the award are volunteer service, personal initiative, effort,  
8 impact, and personal growth; and

9 WHEREAS, in their twenty-fourth year, the awards recognize students in grades five  
10 through twelve; one middle school and one high school student from each state, plus a select  
11 number of distinguished finalists, were chosen for the 2019 Prudential Spirit of Community  
12 Awards; and

13 WHEREAS, named one of Louisiana's top volunteers, thirteen-year-old Nikki Leali  
14 of New Orleans attends Ursuline Academy and has been volunteering since she was six  
15 years old; she has always loved books and her service focuses on literacy and reading; Nikki  
16 established a reading partner program whereby middle school students who excel at reading  
17 pair with younger students to work on reading comprehension; Nikki was a 2018 Prudential  
18 Spirit of Community Award distinguished finalist and this year she is a state honoree; and

19 WHEREAS, Kate Walker, a fifteen-year-old Ruston sophomore at Cedar Creek  
20 School, is a 2019 state honoree; she was diagnosed with Friedreich's Ataxia (FA), an  
21 incredibly rare neuro-muscular disease that affects only fifteen thousand people globally; she

1 created an FA advocacy group called "Make It Happen" and made profiles on Facebook,  
2 Instagram, and YouTube and, with help from her family and friends, Kate has raised \$70,000  
3 for the Friedreich's Ataxia Research Alliance, an organization dedicated to the pursuit of  
4 scientific research leading to treatments and a cure for FA; and

5 WHEREAS, Hailey Enamorado, a fifteen-year-old sophomore at Denham Springs  
6 High School, was named a 2019 distinguished finalist; she created "Hailey's Heroes", an  
7 initiative that raised funds and provided volunteer support for veterans and active-duty  
8 military members; she also brought awareness to causes such as pediatric cancer and  
9 remediation after flooding in her hometown; and

10 WHEREAS, Julianna Gouthiere, twelve, of Shreveport, a sixth-grader at Youree  
11 Drive Middle School, was also named a distinguished finalist; she has collected and donated  
12 more than fifteen thousand stuffed animals for children in difficult situations through her  
13 nonprofit, "Bear Share"; inspired by the story of a fireman giving her mother a bear at the  
14 scene of an accident when she was a child, Julianna has worked with local businesses to  
15 deliver plush friends to hospitals, nonprofit organizations, police, and firefighters in the U.S.  
16 and internationally; and

17 WHEREAS, Myracle Lewis, seventeen, a senior at Baton Rouge Magnet High  
18 School, volunteers with Women of Color and 100% Virtuous Women, helping the homeless  
19 population in the greater Baton Rouge area; she helps organize food, clothing, and other  
20 basic necessities donated by local businesses and residents and shares the donations with  
21 individuals in need; and

22 WHEREAS, Grace Sun is a seventeen-year-old junior at Caddo Parish Magnet High  
23 School and was named a distinguished finalist for founding "Spread the Success", rallying  
24 more than eighty peers to help tutor forty elementary and middle school students at an  
25 after-school program and to serve dinner and read books with children at a local homeless  
26 shelter; and

27 WHEREAS, the success of the state of Louisiana, the strength of our communities,  
28 and the overall vitality of American society depend upon the dedication of individuals like  
29 Hailey Enamorado, Juliana Gouthiere, Nikki Leali, Myracle Lewis, Grace Sun, and Kate  
30 Walker who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others.

1           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the  
2 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend and congratulate the students chosen as the  
3 state honorees and distinguished finalists in Louisiana for the 2019 Prudential Spirit of  
4 Community Awards; does hereby recognize their outstanding records of volunteer service,  
5 peer leadership, and community spirit; and does hereby extend to them best wishes for  
6 continued success and happiness in their future endeavors.

7           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to  
8 Hailey Enamorado, Juliana Gouthiere, Nikki Leali, Myracle Lewis, Grace Sun, and Kate  
9 Walker.

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DIGEST

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