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8 COMMENDING CIARA LAIRD FOR RECEIVING A TOP ALABAMA  
9 PRUDENTIAL SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY AWARD.

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11 WHEREAS, Ciara Laird, of Troy, Alabama, has achieved  
12 national recognition for exemplary volunteer service by  
13 receiving a 2016 Prudential Spirit of Community Award; this  
14 award, presented by Prudential Financial in partnership with  
15 the National Association of Secondary School Principals,  
16 honors young volunteers across America who have demonstrated  
17 extraordinary commitment to serving their communities; and

18 WHEREAS, Ciara Laird, a fifth-grader, was nominated  
19 by New Life Christian Academy and was selected as one of the  
20 top two state honorees; she will receive \$1,000, an engraved  
21 silver medallion, and all-expense-paid trip to Washington,  
22 D.C., in May 2016 to join the top two honorees from each state  
23 for four days of educational experiences and national  
24 recognition events; and

25 WHEREAS, Ciara earned this award by giving  
26 generously of her time and energy to worthy projects in her

1 community; she began a food drive by placing a box in her  
2 classroom that grew into becoming a continuous food drive; as  
3 president of her school's honor society, she is encouraging  
4 other students to work together to feed the hungry; Ciara has  
5 filled shoeboxes at Christmas for children in need, she has  
6 made care packages for families affected by local storms, she  
7 assisted at a local community garden that is connected to an  
8 afterschool center, and has volunteered at a local nursing  
9 home, including singing Christmas songs to the residents; and

10 WHEREAS, the success of the State of Alabama, the  
11 strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of  
12 American society depend, in great measure, upon the dedication  
13 of young people like Ciara Laird, who use their considerable  
14 talents and resources to serve others; and

15 WHEREAS, Ciara Laird was initially inspired by  
16 witnessing someone eating out of a trash dumpster outside a  
17 restaurant; she turned this experience into faithful and  
18 meaningful service for others; she is truly worthy of this  
19 distinctive award for her outstanding record of volunteer  
20 service, peer leadership, and community spirit; now therefore,

21 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
22 THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That Ciara Laird is most highly  
23 commended, and this resolution is offered with heartiest  
24 congratulations to her on her accomplishment as a recipient of  
25 a top Alabama 2016 Prudential Spirit of Community Award with  
26 best wishes for her continued success and happiness.

