

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1785

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending Lauren Browning on receiving a 2016 Prudential Spirit of Community Award for exemplary volunteer service.

WHEREAS, Lauren Browning, an esteemed resident of Overland Park, Kansas, and a student at Blue Valley Southwest High School, has achieved national recognition for exemplary volunteer service by receiving a 2016 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 America who have demonstrated extraordinary commitment to serving their communities; and

WHEREAS, Lauren Browning began painting faces at community events when she was nine years old to benefit children with cancer. She now oversees an organization called "Faces of Hope," which currently has 10 trained volunteers who paint as many as 3,500 faces a year. Lauren and her staff paint, for free, at numerous community events throughout the year, with an emphasis on events that benefit the fight against childhood cancer. They also paint faces at private functions in exchange for donations to cancer-related charities, sometimes raising as much as \$500 in a single day; and

WHEREAS, The success of the State of Kansas, the strength of our communities and the overall vitality of American society depend, in great measure, upon the dedication of young people like Lauren Browning who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others: Now, therefore,

***Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That we congratulate and commend Lauren Browning on receiving a 2016 Spirit of Community Award and recognize her outstanding record of volunteer service, peer leadership and community spirit. We extend our best wishes for her continued leadership and success; and**

***Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate shall send an enrolled copy of this resolution to Lauren Browning.**

Senate Resolution No. 1785 was sponsored by Senator Jeff Melcher.

I hereby certify that the above RESOLUTION originated in the SENATE, and was adopted by that body

President of the Senate.

Secretary of the Senate.