

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 38

BY SENATOR THOMPSON

A RESOLUTION

To commend Sunakshi Sharma for being named a Distinguished Finalist as one of the top youth volunteers in Louisiana for 2018, in the 23rd annual Prudential Spirit of Community Awards.

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 and high schools in the country, as well as all Girl Scout councils, county 4-H organizations, American Red Cross chapters, YMCAs, and affiliates of Points of Light's HandsOn Network, 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, Inc. in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals, honors young volunteers across the country who have demonstrated an extraordinary commitment to serving their communities; and

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

WHEREAS, Sunakshi Sharma is an eighteen year old senior at Neville High School and has worked tirelessly in her community organizing a series of fundraisers to provide portable pack 'n play cribs to a local hospital after learning that safe sleeping environments are a key factor in preventing sudden infant death syndrome; and

WHEREAS, Sunakshi sold baked goods and turkey legs to raise money for her initiative, which has benefitted more than thirty infants to date; and

WHEREAS, this extraordinary young woman exemplifies the spirit of community that is so important to the future of our state and country; and

WHEREAS, the success of the state of Louisiana, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of American society depends, in great measure, upon the dedication of young people like Sunakshi Sharma, who use their compassionate hearts, considerable talents and resources to help others.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana commends and congratulates Sunakshi Sharma on being chosen as one of the Distinguished Finalist for the 2018 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards, and recognizes her outstanding record of volunteer service, peer leadership, and community spirit, and extends to her best wishes for continued success and happiness in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Sunakshi Sharma.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE