

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 5

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A RESOLUTION

To commend Luke Corona of New Iberia on being named a top youth volunteer in Louisiana at the twenty-first annual Prudential Spirit of Community Awards.

WHEREAS, Luke Corona, an eighth grader at Catholic High School in New Iberia, Louisiana, was named a distinguished finalist in this difficult competition with other young people in the state; and

WHEREAS, Luke founded a group with his friends called the "Senior Servers" four years ago, and the group volunteers at a local nursing home's monthly bingo game; and

WHEREAS, Luke and his friends often create a theme for the monthly games, handing out Halloween treat bags in October and homemade cards for Mother's Day and Father's Day in May and June, respectively; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the monthly bingo games, Luke and his friends have donated iPods and iTunes gift cards that the nursing home staff utilizes to calm and engage seniors who suffer from dementia; and

WHEREAS, Luke Corona exemplifies the importance this nation places on service to others while his efforts encourage all of America's youth to contribute to their own communities; and

WHEREAS, Luke's accomplishments with his Senior Servers group are only a part of the impressive accomplishments of this young man; he also placed second in overall projects for the junior division in the University of Louisiana at Lafayette Region VI Science Fair in March 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Prudential awards represent a nationwide program honoring young people for outstanding achievement in the area of volunteer service and is conducted by Prudential Financial in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP), with nearly thirty thousand students participating nationwide in any given year; and

WHEREAS, the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards represents the largest youth recognition program in the country in which the sole criteria is volunteer service; and

WHEREAS, it is hoped that Luke and the other participants in the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards will serve as role models to their peers in focusing their efforts on volunteer service in their communities.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Luke Corona of New Iberia on being named a top youth volunteer in Louisiana at the twenty-first annual Prudential Spirit of Community Awards.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Mrs. Marilyn Babineaux, director of guidance and counseling at Catholic High of New Iberia, for presentation to Luke Corona.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE