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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2017

HOUSE RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING MEGAN ROY ON RECEIVING THE 2017 PRUDENTIAL SPIRIT OF
COMMUNITY AWARD

Introduced By: Representatives Azzinaro, Kennedy, Filippi, O'Brien, and Solomon

Date Introduced: February 15, 2017

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards is the largest youth recognition
2 program in the United States based entirely on volunteer service. All public and private middle
3 schools and high schools, as well as Girl Scout councils, county 4-H organizations, YMCAs,
4 American Red Cross Chapters and HandsON Network affiliates are eligible to select someone to
5 apply for a Prudential Spirit of Community Award. These honorees are then judged by an
6 independent panel based on criteria including personal initiative, effort, impact and personal
7 growth with one high school student and one middle school student being chosen from each state
8 and the District of Columbia; and

9 WHEREAS, Since the Prudential Spirit of Community program began, more than
10 115,000 young volunteers have been honored at the local, state and national level. The program is
11 also conducted in Japan, South Korea, Taiwan, Ireland, India, China and Brazil; and

12 WHEREAS, Megan Roy, a seventeen-year-old senior attending Westerly High School,
13 was chosen to receive the 2017 Prudential Spirit of Community Award. The independent panel of
14 judges were impressed by her longtime commitment to volunteering, in which she donated
15 hundreds of hours of her time over the past six years serving her community and assisting people
16 in need. Megan volunteered at the local food pantry where she packaged food and volunteered in
17 the thrift shop; and

18 WHEREAS, Megan will join 102 State Honorees in Washington, D.C., where they will
19 tour our nation's capital landmarks, meet youth volunteers from across the globe, attend a gala

1 awards ceremony at the Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History, and visit with their
2 congressional representatives on Capitol Hill. On May 8, 2017, ten of the State Honorees, five
3 middle school students and five high school students, will be named America's top youth
4 volunteers of 2017. These distinguished national honorees will receive an additional \$5000 grant,
5 gold medallions, crystal trophies, and a \$5000 grant from the Prudential Foundation to be
6 awarded to the nonprofit charitable organization of their choice; now, therefore be it

7 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
8 Providence Plantations hereby congratulates Megan Roy on receiving the 2017 Prudential Spirit
9 of Community Award. We wish her good luck at the competition and ceremonies in Washington
10 D.C., and continued success in attaining all her goals and aspirations in the future; and be it
11 further

12 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
13 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Miss Megan Roy.

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