

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 122

By Harwell

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Nicholas Wilson of Nashville on being named a Distinguished Finalist for the 2009 Prudential Spirit of Community Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause in their deliberations to salute those young citizens who, through their remarkable efforts, have distinguished themselves as emerging community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, Nicholas Wilson, an esteemed resident of Nashville and a senior at Father Ryan High School, has been selected as a Distinguished Finalist for the 2009 Prudential Spirit of Community Award; and

WHEREAS, this prestigious award, presented by the Prudential Financial in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals, honors young volunteers across the United States who have demonstrated an extraordinary commitment to serving their respective communities; and

WHEREAS, nearly 20,000 young people across the nation were considered for recognition; in Tennessee alone, over five thousand Local Honorees were reviewed by an independent judging panel, which chose State Honorees and Distinguished Finalists based on criteria such as personal initiative, creativity, effort, impact, and personal growth; and

WHEREAS, of these five thousand local contenders, Mr. Wilson stood out for his service and dedication to the Family Retreat at Galway Farms, a serene rural retreat that seriously ill children and their families may use free of charge; and

WHEREAS, Nicholas Wilson helped his family restore an old log cabin, the farm buildings, and the hiking trails on the eighty-seven-acre farm, which has welcomed eleven hundred visitors in its eight years of operation; Mr. Wilson currently serves as the retreat's Director of the Property; and

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of American society depend, in great measure, upon the dedication of young people like Mr. Wilson who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Nicholas Wilson as a Distinguished Finalist for the 2009 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards, recognize his outstanding record of volunteer service, peer leadership, and community spirit, and extend to him our best wishes for his continued success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.