

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 141

By Matheny

A RESOLUTION to recognize Hunter Morrow-Elder as a recipient of the 2013 Prudential Spirit of Community Award.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly is pleased to recognize those estimable citizens of this State, both young and old, who consistently demonstrate a personal commitment to improve the lives and well being of others; and

WHEREAS, Hunter Morrow-Elder, a resident of Tullahoma and a student at Coffee County Central High School, has achieved national recognition for his exemplary volunteer service, garnering a 2013 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 an extraordinary commitment to serving their communities; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Morrow-Elder earned this award by giving generously of his time and energy to collect more than 10,000 pairs of shoes for the charitable organization Soles4Souls by implementing a shoe drive as a competition between two local high schools; and

WHEREAS, in carrying out this project, Mr. Morrow-Elder gathered a group of his peers to help count the collections and coordinate the drive, and spoke to area schools and organizations, and created a video to help spread awareness and encourage participation in the competition; and

WHEREAS, the success of 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. Morrow-Elder who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate and fitting that this legislative body give recognition to and express gratitude for the vitality, altruism, and tremendous determination of young Tennesseans such as Mr. Morrow-Elder, who truly are shining stars on the horizon of our State's future; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby congratulate 2013 Prudential Spirit of Community Award recipient Hunter Morrow-Elder, recognize his outstanding volunteerism in his community, and wish him every success in all his future endeavors.

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