

HOUSE RESOLUTION 23

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Mariel Lane of Memphis 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, Mariel Lane, an esteemed resident of Memphis and a senior at Bolton High School in Arlington, has been selected as a Distinguished Finalist for the 2009 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 respective communities; and

WHEREAS, in November of 2008, all public and private middle-level 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 HandsOn Network, were eligible to select a student or member for a local Prudential Spirit of Community Award; and

WHEREAS, more than 5,000 Local Honorees were then reviewed by an independent judging panel, which selected State Honorees and Distinguished Finalists based on criteria such as personal initiative, creativity, effort, impact, and personal growth; and

WHEREAS, a Distinguished Finalist in the program, Mariel Lane, 17, was chosen in response to her more than 800 hours of volunteer work with eighteen different agencies and her service as a spokesperson for many of them; and

WHEREAS, among her many activities, Ms. Lane volunteered to sort and pack toys for Toys for Tots, raised funds for children undergoing treatment at Vanderbilt Hospital, and spoke about volunteerism at local schools, churches, and community groups; 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 Mariel Lane 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, that we hereby congratulate and honor Mariel Lane as a Distinguished Finalist in the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards, recognizing her outstanding record of volunteer service, peer leadership, and community spirit and extending to her our best wishes for her 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.