

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 169

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A RESOLUTION recognizing Michael Zietz as a recipient of the 2015 Prudential Spirit of Community Award.

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

WHEREAS, Michael Zietz, a resident of Murfreesboro and a student at Oakland High School, is one such citizen who achieved national recognition for his exemplary volunteer service, garnering a 2015 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. Zietz earned this award by giving generously of his time and energy holding fundraising events for Honor Flight, an organization that provides free flights for veterans to visit their respective war memorials in Washington, D.C. He has raised \$10,000 and is aiming for a sum sufficient to fund flights for thirty-two veterans, which will fill an entire aircraft; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Zietz chose this project and aspired to his goal subsequent to a Navy reunion trip he attended with his grandfather, where he witnessed firsthand the depth of meaning of relationships formed when individuals are bonded by military service; 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 Michael Zietz who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others; and

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

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby congratulate 2015 Prudential Spirit of Community Award recipient Michael Zietz, recognize his outstanding volunteerism in his community, and wish him every success in all 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.