

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 911

By Massey

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Forest Chen upon being named a distinguished finalist for the 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 lives and well-being of others; and

WHEREAS, Forest Chen, a resident of Knoxville and a senior at Farragut High School, has achieved national recognition for his exemplary volunteer service, being honored as a finalist for the 2020 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. Chen earned this award by giving generously of his time and energy; he founded and runs the East Tennessee Chess Club through which he holds regular tournaments, gives free lessons to young people at a local church, and has raised and donated more than \$8,000 to benefit various causes; and

WHEREAS, now boasting more than 100 members, the East Tennessee Chess Club was established by Mr. Chen in an effort to provide chess-related opportunities in his community; 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 Forest Chen, who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate and fitting that the members of this General Assembly give recognition to and express gratitude for the vitality, altruism, and tremendous determination of young Tennesseans such as Forest Chen, 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 ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate 2020 Prudential Spirit of Community Award finalist Forest Chen, 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 and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.