

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 978

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Lucy Blaylock upon winning 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, Lucy Blaylock, a resident of Gallatin and a fifth-grade student at Union Elementary School, has achieved national recognition for her exemplary volunteer service, being named a State Honoree of 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, one of the top two youth volunteers in Tennessee, Lucy Blaylock was selected as the Middle Level State Honoree and will receive a \$1,000 scholarship, an engraved silver medallion, and a trip to Washington, D.C., in May 2020 for a series of national recognition events; and

WHEREAS, Lucy earned this award by giving generously of her time and energy; she has made more than 375 hand-sewn Love Blankets for children around the world, who, due to a variety of life challenges, need a little extra love; and

WHEREAS, the children chosen to receive the blankets have included kids from near and far, including schoolmates and youngsters from thirteen overseas countries; Lucy

encourages visitors to her Instagram account to nominate children who would benefit from one of her Love Blankets; and

WHEREAS, a number of people have donated money to help Lucy with the purchase of supplies and shipping costs for her venture, and family and friends have also sometimes provided assistance with the sewing; 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 Lucy Blaylock, 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 Lucy Blaylock, 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 winner Lucy Blaylock, recognize her outstanding volunteerism in her community, and wish her 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.