

No. R-115. House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2015 Vermont Prudential Spirit of Community Award winners.

(H.C.R.82)

Offered by: Representatives Dakin of Colchester, Brennan of Colchester, Clarkson of Woodstock, Condon of Colchester, Corcoran of Bennington, Ellis of Waterbury, Fields of Bennington, Morris of Bennington, Morrissey of Bennington, Purvis of Colchester, and Stevens of Waterbury

Whereas, annually, Prudential Financial, in collaboration with the National Association of Secondary School Principals, awards the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards to four students from every state and the District of Columbia who have engaged in significant volunteer service activities, and

Whereas, one high school and one middle school student is designated as a state honoree, and these students travel to Washington, D.C., to compete for designation as one of the 10 (five in each school category) top youth volunteers of 2015, and

Whereas, in Vermont, the high school state honoree is Alexina Federhen, a senior at Mt. Anthony Union High School, and

Whereas, Alexina creates custom jewelry with her mother and donates the proceeds to organizations that preserve the animal habitat; collects stuffed animals for distribution to disadvantaged children and to nursing homes; and has created a special PowerPoint for adults on youth bullying, and

Whereas, the Vermont middle school state honoree is Abigail Jacunski, an eighth grader at the Mater Christi School in Burlington, and

Whereas, Abigail Jacunski has participated in fasts to support the World Vision organization and persons who lack sufficient food; a service mission trip to address several local needs; a sleep-out to provide mosquito nets for Africa; and a project to make bicycles available in third-world countries, and

Whereas, in each state, two students are designated as distinguished finalists, and

Whereas, one of the Vermont distinguished finalists is Harwood Union High School senior Abby Miles, who volunteers at a local food shelf packaging food bags and delivering them to senior citizens, and

Whereas, also named a distinguished finalist is Woodstock Union High School junior Peter Wilson who, working through Change the World Kids, raised funds to purchase supplies for a solar-powered, steam-fed drip irrigation system for a community garden benefiting a local food shelf, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2015 Vermont Prudential Spirit of Community Award winners, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to each student honored in this resolution.