

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1821

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending Ashley Wright upon being named the state's top high school volunteer by the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards.

WHEREAS, Ashley Wright, a 17 year old junior at Blue Valley North High School, has been named as the state's top high school volunteer in the seventh Prudential Spirit of Community Awards, a nationwide program recognizing young people for outstanding community service. This award is presented by Prudential Financial in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals. She will receive a \$1,000 award, an engraved silver medallion and an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C., May 4 to 7 for a series of national recognition events. There she will join honorees from the other states, 12 of whom will be named America's top volunteers for 2002; and

WHEREAS, As a community service project, Ms. Wright formed a vocal music performance class for challenged adults in her community. Working with the local parks and recreation department, she designed a brochure which was sent out with a community newsletter. Twenty special needs adults enrolled in her six-week class. She determined the musical selections, created song books and planned a class format. After four weeks of intense rehearsals the group performed at several area nursing homes. Their performances were greatly appreciated, and each nursing home asked them to return and perform longer. She plans to teach a second class in the spring; and

WHEREAS, The success of our state, the strength of our communities and the vitality of our society depend, in great measure, upon the dedication of young people like Ashley Wright who use their considerable talents to serve others: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That we congratulate and commend Ashley Wright upon being named as the state's top high school volunteer and commend her actions to be emulated by her peers;

*Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate provide an enrolled copy of this resolution to Ms. Ashley Wright, 12704 Woodson Street, Overland Park, Kansas 66209-3672

Senate Resolution No. 1821 was sponsored by Senator John L. Vratil.

I hereby certify that the above RESOLUTION originated in the SENATE, and was adopted by that body

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*President of the Senate.*

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*Secretary of the Senate.*