

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1848

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending James Bailey for being named one of the top youth volunteers in Kansas for 2007 in the 12th annual Prudential Spirit of Community Awards.

WHEREAS, James Bailey, an esteemed resident of Leavenworth, Kansas, and a senior at Tonganoxie High School, has achieved national recognition for exemplary volunteer service by receiving a 2007 Prudential Spirit of Community Award; and

WHEREAS, James organized a community effort to assemble and ship more than 700 “care packages” to American troops serving in Iraq. After researching soldiers’ needs, James recruited members of his 4-H club to help him launch a community wide collection drive by setting up donation boxes at local businesses. James enlisted support from VFW and American Legion officials, wrote letters to large companies to solicit contributions, and, with the help of his fellow volunteers, emptied their overflowing donation boxes - sometimes several times a day. After storing the collected items in James’ living room, the volunteers invited community members to an all-night “lock in” to assemble the care packages and make pillowcases for the troops. When they were finished, James was able to ship 754 packages weighing more than 2,000 pounds to Iraq, containing personal products, snack items, games, magazines and other supplies, in addition to the pillowcases; and

WHEREAS, Because of his efforts, James was nominated by Tonganoxie High School in Tonganoxie for The Prudential Spirit of Community Award. 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. As a State Honoree, James will receive \$1,000, an engraved silver medallion and an all-expense paid trip in early May to Washington, D.C., where he will join other honorees from each of the other states and the District of Columbia for several days of national recognition events; and

WHEREAS, The success of the State of Kansas, the strength of our communities and the overall vitality of American society depend, in great measure, upon the dedication of young people like James who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas: That we congratulate and commend James Bailey for being named a recipient of the Prudential Spirit of Community Award, honor his outstanding record of volunteer service, peer leadership and community spirit, and extend our best wishes for his continued success and happiness; and

Be it further resolved: That the Secretary of the Senate provide ten enrolled copies of this resolution to Senator Pine.

Senate Resolution No. 1848 was sponsored by Senator Roger Pine.

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

President of the Senate.

Secretary of the Senate.