

ENROLLED HOUSE

RESOLUTION NO. 1027 By: Sullivan (Leonard)

A Resolution praising Kristen Deaton for her volunteer work; congratulating Kristen Deaton on being named one of America's top ten youth volunteers; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Kristen Deaton has received national recognition by being named one of America's top ten youth volunteers for the 1997 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards; and

WHEREAS, Kristen was presented with \$5,000 and a gold medallion in a ceremony in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, Kristen also received \$1,000 at an awards ceremony held at the Smithsonian Museum of National History for her selection as a finalist in the Prudential awards; and

WHEREAS, Kristen Deaton earned national recognition for developing "Anyone Can Softball", a softball league to help disabled children play softball. "Anyone Can Softball" brings players and volunteer helpers together to bat, catch and run bases. The league was developed in 1995 and has grown to more than seventy players and sixty assistants. Kristen credits the players, their families and the volunteers as the ones responsible for her success; and

WHEREAS, Kristen Deaton also received \$25,000 in merchandise from a national contest sponsored by "react" magazine. She donated this award to the Putnam City Care ... Share Project, a program for the Putnam City Schools Foundation that buys and collects clothing, shoes, and toys for children in need; and

WHEREAS, Kristen Deaton, a Putnam City High School senior, plans to attend the University of Tulsa in the fall of 1997 and who has resolved to continue active involvement with Putnam City, because as she has stated "This is my community and it means everything to me."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 46TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives praises Kristen Deaton for her volunteer work.

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives congratulates Kristen Deaton on being named one of America's top ten youth volunteers.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Kristen Deaton; her mother, Mary Pickett; and Penny Poe, Director of the Putnam City Care ... Share Program.

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 29th day of May,

1997.

Speaker

of the House of
Representatives