

SHORT TITLE: Praising Kristen Deaton for her volunteer work;
congratulating Kristen Deaton for being named one of America's top
ten youth volunteers; distribution.

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE

RESOLUTION NO. 39

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AS INTRODUCED

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, in 1995, Kristen Deaton started the "Anyone Can Play Softball" program, a softball league for physically disabled children. Players and volunteer helpers work together to bat, catch and run bases. In the last two years, the league has grown to more than 70 players and 60 volunteer assistants; and

WHEREAS, Kristen said that she started the program to help children play softball. The players in the league are Kristen's biggest fans. The players, their families and the volunteers are the ones responsible for Kristen's success, according to her; and

WHEREAS, Putnam City High School Senior Kristen Deaton was named one of America's top ten youth volunteers for the 1997 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards. In a recent ceremony in Washington, D.C., Kristen was presented with a gold medallion and a \$5,000 reward. Kristen also was honored at another awards ceremony at the Smithsonian Institute attended by former President Jimmy Carter where she received \$1,000 for her selection as finalist in the Prudential awards; and

WHEREAS, Kristen Deaton received a \$25,000 charitable donation in her name from a national contest sponsored by "react" magazine. Deaton donated the money to the Putnam City Schools Foundation, Care and Share Program, that helps needy students from the Putnam City

School District. The \$25,000 will be spent on clothing, jackets and shoes for the children. The organization usually collects used clothing and shoes for children in need, but this donation will finance the purchase of new clothes. Kristen Deaton plans to attend Tulsa University and she has resolved to continue active involvement with Putnam City. "This is my community, and it means everything to me," Kristen said.

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

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate praises Kristen Deaton for her volunteer work.

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

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

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