

ENROLLED SENATE
RESOLUTION NO. 7

By: Ford

A Resolution congratulating and honoring Caitlin Rankin as a Distinguished Finalist for the Prudential Spirit of Community Award; recognizing her outstanding record of volunteer service, peer leadership and community spirit; extending best wishes for her continued success and happiness; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Caitlin Rankin has achieved national recognition for exemplary volunteer service as a Distinguished Finalist for the 1999 Prudential Spirit of Community Award. This prestigious award, presented by the Prudential Insurance Company of America 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; and

WHEREAS, Caitlin Rankin, 17, of Bixby, Oklahoma, a member of the Magic Empire Council of Girl Scouts and a Senior at Union High School, designed and coordinated the construction of a wheelchair ramp for the home of an elderly couple who are both wheelchair bound; and

WHEREAS, all public and private middle-level and high schools in the country, along with all Girl Scout councils and county 4-H organizations, were eligible to select a student or member for a local Prudential Spirit of Community Award. Local Honorees were then reviewed by state-level judges, who selected State Honorees and Distinguished Finalists based on criteria such as personal initiative, creativity, effort, impact and personal growth. As a Distinguished Finalist, Caitlin will receive an engraved bronze medallion; and

WHEREAS, the success of the State of Oklahoma, the strength of our communities and the overall vitality of American society depend, in great measure, upon the dedication of young people like Caitlin Rankin.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 47TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate congratulates and honors Caitlin Rankin as a Distinguished Finalist for the Prudential Spirit of Community Award.

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate recognizes her outstanding record of volunteer service, peer leadership and community spirit.

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate extends best wishes for her continued success and happiness.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Caitlin Rankin, the National Association of Secondary School Principals and the Prudential Insurance Company of America.

Adopted by the Senate the 1st day of March, 1999.

President of the Senate