

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE
RESOLUTION 8

By: Williamson

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A Resolution congratulating and honoring Lauren Detrich as the recipient of the Prudential Spirit of Community Award for the middle school level in the State of Oklahoma; 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, Lauren Detrich has achieved national recognition for exemplary volunteer service by receiving the 1999 Prudential Spirit of Community Award for the middle school level in the State of Oklahoma. 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, Lauren Detrich, 14, of Tulsa, Oklahoma, an eighth-grade student at Monte Cassino School, served as the chairperson, poster child, and goodwill ambassador for "Great Strides for Cystic Fibrosis", a Tulsa, Oklahoma, fund-raising event to benefit cystic fibrosis research. Lauren's inspiration stemmed from her own struggle with the disease and the desire to find a cure so other children would not have to suffer. In addition to her role as chairperson, Lauren set a personal goal to raise \$50,000. Though few people believed she could achieve such a tremendous goal, Lauren was determined. She found matching donors, made hundreds of phone calls, and encouraged friends to join her in her efforts. By the

end of an eight-month campaign, Lauren had reached her \$50,000 mark, and the entire event raised over \$100,000; 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 Lauren Detrich; and

WHEREAS, Lauren Detrich was nominated by Monte Cassino School in Tulsa. As a State Honoree, she will receive a \$1,000 award, an engraved silver medallion, and an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C., where she will join the top two honorees, one middle school and one high school youth, from each of the other states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico for several days of national recognition events. Nearly 20,000 high school and middle school students were considered for awards in this year's program.

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 Lauren Detrich as the recipient of a Prudential Spirit of Community Award for the middle school level in the State of Oklahoma.

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 Lauren Detrich, the National Association of Secondary School Principals and the Prudential Insurance Company of America.

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