By: Williamson

AS INTRODUCED

A Resolution congratulating and honoring Kristina Ludeman as the recipient of a Prudential Spirit of Community Award for high schools in 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, Kristina Ludeman has achieved national recognition for exemplary volunteer service by receiving a 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, Kristina Ludeman, 17, of Tulsa, Oklahoma, a member of the Magic Empire Council of Girl Scouts, and a senior at Edison High School, volunteered weekly during the 1997-1998 school year as a tutor for a kindergarten class of at-risk students. Kristi chose this service project, one which she applied toward her Girl Scout Gold Award, when a teacher at the local elementary school told her that many students struggle through basic lessons due to a lack of developmental skills. After her high school principal agreed to let Kristi leave school early once each week, she offered to assist the kindergarten teacher with some one-on-one tutoring on subjects such as numbers, letters and phonetic reading skills. Kristi also produced art work that accompanied the topics the children were studying and worked with the children on various art projects; 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 Kristina Ludeman; and

WHEREAS, Kristina Ludeman was nominated by Magic Empire Council of Girl Scouts in Tulsa, Oklahoma. 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 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. 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 Kristina Ludeman as the recipient of a Prudential Spirit of Community Award for the high 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 Kristina Ludeman, the National Association of Secondary School Principals and the Prudential Insurance Company of America.

47-1-1095 THC 6/12/2015 2:01:02 AM