

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 48th Legislature (2002)

SENATE CONCURRENT  
RESOLUTION 59

By: Taylor of the Senate

and

Stites of the House

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution congratulating Robert Alderson as a recipient of a Prudential Spirit of Community Award; recognizing his record of volunteer service; extending best wishes; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Robert Alderson, an esteemed resident of Muldrow, Oklahoma, and a student at Muldrow High School, has achieved national recognition for exemplary volunteer service by receiving a 2002 Prudential Spirit of Community Award; and

WHEREAS, this prestigious award, presented by Prudential Financial 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, Robert Alderson, a sophomore at Muldrow High School earned this award by giving generously of his time and energy to found and direct a reading mentorship program that pairs high school students with elementary students who are struggling to learn to read. The son of two teachers, Robert knows how important reading skills are to a successful education. When he discovered that only 42 percent of the adults in his rural community have a high school diploma, he decided to help tackle the graduation problem by focusing on the reading skills of young students; and

WHEREAS, to implement his program "Reading Encourages All Dreams" (READ) Robert encouraged the public library to partner with him and recruited fellow high school students to volunteer as mentors. He also contacted a reading specialist to train the mentors. In the program's first year, 30 elementary children and 21 mentors participated in READ. In addition to helping improve the children's reading grades, the mentors developed great friendships with the children and were able to help them through difficulties with nonreading issues; 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 Robert Alderson who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 48TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature congratulates and honors Robert Alderson of Muldrow, Oklahoma, as a recipient of a Prudential Spirit of Community Award.

THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature recognizes Robert Alderson's outstanding record of volunteer service, peer leadership, and community spirit.

THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature extends best wishes for his continued success and happiness.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Prudential Spirit of Community Award winner Robert Alderson of Muldrow, Oklahoma.