

ENROLLED SENATE
RESOLUTION NO. 37

By: Paddock, Adelson, Aldridge,
Anderson, Ballenger,
Barrington, Bass, Bingman,
Branan, Brogdon, Brown,
Burrage, Coates, Coffee,
Corn, Crain, Crutchfield,
Easley, Eason McIntyre,
Ellis, Ford, Garrison,
Gumm, Halligan, Ivester,
Johnson (Constance),
Johnson (Mike), Jolley,
Justice, Lamb, Laster,
Leftwich, Lerblance,
Marlatt, Mazzei, Myers,
Newberry, Nichols,
Reynolds, Rice, Russell,
Schulz, Sparks,
Stanislawski, Sweeden,
Sykes, Wilson and Wyrick

A Resolution commending Garrett Thompson upon his selection as a Bronze Award winner for the Prudential Community Spirit award; honoring his "Tunes 4 Troops" program; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards recognizes 234 students nationwide as Bronze Award winners for their impressive community service activities. Each award winner receives an engraved bronze medallion. The awards program is conducted by Prudential Financial, Inc., in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals; and

WHEREAS, Garrett Thompson is a 16-year-old member of the Pontotoc County 4-H in Ada, Oklahoma. Garrett, a Byng High School sophomore, organized and coordinated a statewide campaign through 4-H to collect and ship used music CDs and movie DVDs to our military personnel stationed in Iraq and Afghanistan. To date over 3,000 CDs and DVDs have been shipped overseas with more scheduled to ship this year. The shipments this year will total over 6,000 CDs and DVDs and will have impacted over 15,000 troops and their families. In addition, he coordinated fund-raising efforts to pay for shipping costs that netted over \$4,200.00. The total worth of the CDs and DVDs is valued in excess of \$138,000.00; and

WHEREAS, Garrett Thompson became state coordinator for a program called "Tunes 4 Troops". As no one had organized anything like it in Oklahoma, Garrett took the initiative and started it, involving 4-H clubs, student leadership organizations, and businesses and corporations throughout the state as well as north Texas and the Texas panhandle. Garrett has also received formal recognition from the United States Army who selected him to receive their Sergeant Major's award. Last year Garrett was a 4-H state project winner in the Achievement category for his record book, a major accomplishment for a high school freshman.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 52ND OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate commends Garrett Thompson upon his selection as a Bronze Award winner for the Prudential Community Spirit program.

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate honors Garrett Thompson for his "Tunes 4 Troops" program that provides CDs and DVDs to our military stationed in Iraq and Afghanistan.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Garrett Thompson of Byng High School in Pontotoc County, Oklahoma.

Adopted by the Senate the 15th day of April, 2009.

Presiding Officer of the Senate