

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 617
By Henry

A RESOLUTION to congratulate Jeremy Doochin of Nashville upon being named a Distinguished Finalist for the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards.

WHEREAS, it is fitting for the members of this General Assembly to pause in their deliberations to salute those young citizens who, through their remarkable efforts, have distinguished themselves as emerging community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, Jeremy Doochin, an esteemed resident of Nashville and a senior at Hume-Fogg Academic High School, has been recognized as one of Tennessee's top student volunteers in the eleventh annual Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program, which recognizes young people for outstanding community service; and

WHEREAS, for his exemplary public service, Jeremy was recognized as a Distinguished Finalist and one of this State's most committed youth volunteers in the 2006 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program, presented by Prudential Financial in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals to honor young volunteers across America who have demonstrated an extraordinary commitment to serving their communities; and

WHEREAS, the recipients of these awards vividly demonstrate that young people across America are making remarkable contributions to the health and vitality of their communities; and

WHEREAS, Jeremy gained recognition by forming a student group which participates in environmental projects and educates others about environmental issues; Jeremy's "Student Environmental Outreach Coalition" has hosted informational programs and speakers, revamped his school recycling program, labeled storm drains, improved park trails, lobbied for environmental policies, and participated in a variety of events to advance environmental causes; and

WHEREAS, as a Distinguished Finalist, Jeremy will receive an engraved bronze medallion at a local ceremony; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Doochin epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean, and takes his place among the many noble citizens who have earned this State the nickname of "The Volunteer State"; and

WHEREAS, the success of the State of Tennessee, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of our society depend, in great measure, on the dedication of young people like Jeremy Doochin who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Jeremy Doochin on being selected as a Distinguished Finalist in the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program, recognize his outstanding record of volunteerism, leadership, and community spirit, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.