

SENATE RESOLUTION 36

By Johnson

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Taylor Cox of Brentwood upon receiving a 2007 Prudential Spirit of Community Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly 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, Taylor Cox, an esteemed resident of Brentwood and a sophomore at Ensworth High School, has achieved national recognition for exemplary volunteer service through being named one of the top two youth volunteers in Tennessee for 2007 in the 12th Annual Prudential Spirit of Community Awards; 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 respective communities; and

WHEREAS, Miss Cox earned this award by giving generously of her time and energy to educating the public about juvenile rheumatoid arthritis (JRA) and raising money for the Arthritis Foundation; and

WHEREAS, a JRA sufferer herself, Miss Cox delivers speeches at school assemblies, student council and scout meetings, community service organizations, and corporate staff meetings; she also instructs schools on how to hold fundraising events for JRA, solicits donations from corporate sponsors, leads a team in an annual walkathon, and meets with government officials to make sure they know about juvenile arthritis; and

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

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby congratulate and honor Taylor Cox upon being named one of the top two youth volunteers in Tennessee for 2007 in the 12th Annual Prudential Spirit of Community Awards; recognize her outstanding record of volunteer service, peer leadership, and community spirit; and extend our best wishes for her continued 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.