

HOUSE RESOLUTION 21

By Eldridge

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Gunhee Lee on being named a Distinguished Finalist for the 2009 Prudential Spirit of Community Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should 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, Gunhee Lee, an esteemed resident of Jackson and a senior at Madison Academic Magnet High School, has been selected as a Distinguished Finalist for the 2009 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 respective communities; and

WHEREAS, in November of 2008, all public and private middle-level and high schools in the country, as well as all Girl Scout councils, county 4-H organizations, American Red Cross chapters, YMCAs, and affiliates of HandsOn Network, were eligible to select a student or member for a local Prudential Spirit of Community Award; and

WHEREAS, more than 5,000 Local Honorees were then reviewed by an independent judging panel, which selected State Honorees and Distinguished Finalists based on criteria such as personal initiative, creativity, effort, impact, and personal growth; and

WHEREAS, a Distinguished Finalist in the program, Gunhee Lee was chosen in response to his dedication to playing the piano and singing for senior citizens at an adult daycare center in his community; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his work at the adult daycare center, Gunhee Lee also serves as a pianist and a translator at his church and as a volunteer at his community library, where he stays after school to shelve books; 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 Mr. Lee who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby congratulate and honor Gunhee Lee as a Distinguished Finalist in the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards, recognizing his outstanding record of volunteer service, peer leadership, and community spirit, and extending to him our best wishes for his 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.