

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 519

By McNally

A RESOLUTION to recognize Thomas Colburn as a recipient of the 2016 Prudential Spirit of Community Award.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly are pleased to recognize those estimable citizens of this State, both young and old, who consistently demonstrate a personal commitment to improve the lives and well-being of others; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Colburn, a resident of Oak Ridge and a senior at Oak Ridge High School, is one such citizen who achieved national recognition for his exemplary volunteer service, garnering a 2016 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, Mr. Colburn earned this award by giving generously of his time and energy, renovating exhibits at the Children's Museum of Oak Ridge and raising \$1,500 to help fund the costs; and

WHEREAS, Thomas, who has volunteered at the museum for the past five years, renovated the bird room by constructing a tree sculpture bird feeder as a display, added QR codes so museum guests could scan and learn more, repaired the exhibit walls, and worked with local artists who painted bark and leaf structures throughout the exhibit; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate and fitting that the members of this General Assembly give recognition to and express gratitude for the vitality, altruism, and tremendous determination of young Tennesseans such as Mr. Colburn, who truly are shining stars on the horizon of our State's future; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE CONCURRING, that we hereby congratulate 2016 Prudential Spirit of Community Award recipient Thomas Colburn, recognize his outstanding volunteerism in his community, and wish him every success in all future endeavors.

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