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- 3 By Senators Melson, Albritton, Allen, Beasley, Blackwell,
- Brewbaker, Bussman, Chambliss, Coleman-Madison, Dial, Dunn,
- 5 Figures, Glover, Hightower, Holley, Holtzclaw, Livingston,
- 6 Marsh, McClendon, Orr, Pittman, Reed, Ross, Sanders, Sanford,
- 7 Scofield, Shelnutt, Singleton, Smith, Smitherman, Stutts,
- 8 Waggoner, Ward, Whatley and Williams
- 9 RFD:
- 10 First Read: 08-MAR-16

COMMENDING MADISON HANEY FOR RECEIVING A TOP PRUDENTIAL SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY AWARD.

WHEREAS, Madison Haney of Killen, Alabama, has achieved national recognition for exemplary volunteer service by receiving a Top 2016 Prudential Spirit of Community Award; this award, presented by Prudential Financial in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals, honors young volunteers across America who have demonstrated extraordinary commitment to serving their communities; and

WHEREAS, this award, presented by Prudential Financial in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals, honors young volunteers across America who have demonstrated extraordinary commitment to serving their communities; Madison was chosen as one of the top two students in Alabama and will receive \$1,000, an engraved silver medallion, and will travel to Washington, D.C., with the top two honorees from each state for four days of national recognition; and

WHEREAS, Madison is a senior at Florence High School; when she discovered that many students at her school did not have enough food to eat, she was determined to help; she earned this award by giving generously of her time and energy to raise awareness of the hunger problem by collecting backpacks to fill with food for the students; she contacted a local foundation that serves at-risk children and learned that it needed backpacks for a weekend food program that benefitted more than 300 at-risk children in the area; and

WHEREAS, initially, Madison asked classmates for gently used backpacks that she and her mother cleaned and repaired for use; she then posted project details on social medial and elsewhere; students, parents, and local businesses began supporting her efforts by donating backpacks and supplies to fill them; and

WHEREAS, the success of the State of Alabama, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of American society depend, in great measure, upon the dedication of young people like Madison Haney, who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others; and

WHEREAS, turning her life skills into faithful and meaningful service for others, Madison is truly worthy of this distinctive award for her outstanding record of volunteer service, peer leadership, and community spirit; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That Madison Haney is most highly commended, and this resolution is offered with heartiest

- 1 congratulations to her on her accomplishment as a recipient of
- 2 a Top 2016 Prudential Spirit of Community Award with best
- 3 wishes for her continued success and happiness.