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3 By Senators Melson, Albritton, Allen, Beasley, Blackwell,
4 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

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4 ENROLLED, SJR53,

5 COMMENDING AMERIE GRAMELSPACHER FOR RECEIVING THE
6 PRUDENTIAL SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY AWARD.

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8 WHEREAS, Amerie Gramelspacher, a senior at
9 Thomasville High School, has achieved national recognition for
10 exemplary volunteer service by receiving a 2016 Prudential
11 Spirit of Community Award as a Distinguished Finalist; and

12 WHEREAS, this award, presented by Prudential
13 Financial in partnership with the National Association of
14 Secondary School Principals, honors young volunteers across
15 America who have demonstrated extraordinary commitment to
16 serving their communities; and

17 WHEREAS, Amerie Gramelspacher earned this award by
18 giving generously of her time and energy to a suicide
19 awareness project where she partnered with the American
20 Foundation for Suicide Prevention for local activities
21 including a 5K run, presentations to encourage teacher
22 training, suicide hotline signage at her school, and
23 literature and resources at her school's counseling office;
24 Amerie recruited her National Honor Society chapter to help
25 with the 5K race which raised \$1,600 to purchase a suicide

1 prevention curriculum that is now being taught quarterly at
2 her school; and

3 WHEREAS, the success of the State of Alabama, the
4 strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of
5 American society depend, in great measure, upon the dedication
6 of young people like Amerie Gramelspacher, who use their
7 considerable talents and resources to serve others; and

8 WHEREAS, having lost an aunt to suicide, Amerie
9 Gramelspacher was able to turn her loss into service for
10 others; she is truly worthy of this distinctive award for her
11 outstanding record of volunteer service, peer leadership, and
12 community spirit; now therefore,

13 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
14 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That Amerie Gramelspacher is most
15 highly commended, and this resolution is offered with
16 heartiest congratulations to her on her accomplishment as a
17 recipient of a 2016 Prudential Spirit of Community Award with
18 best wishes for her continued success and happiness.

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

Speaker of the House of Representatives

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Senate 08-MAR-16
I hereby certify that the within Senate Joint Resolution
originated in and was adopted by the Senate.

Patrick Harris
Secretary

House of Representatives
Adopted: 10-MAR-16

By: Senator Melson