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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
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8 COMMENDING AMERIE GRAMELSPACHER FOR RECEIVING THE
9 PRUDENTIAL SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY AWARD.

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

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

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

1 with the 5K race which raised \$1,600 to purchase a suicide
2 prevention curriculum that is now being taught quarterly at
3 her school; and

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

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

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