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5 Figures, Glover, Hightower, Holley, Holtzclaw, Livingston,  
6 Marsh, McClendon, Orr, Pittman, Reed, Ross, Sanders, Sanford,  
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8 Waggoner, Ward, Whatley and Williams  
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4 ENROLLED, SJR54,

5 COMMENDING CIARA LAIRD FOR RECEIVING A TOP ALABAMA  
6 PRUDENTIAL SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY AWARD.

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8 WHEREAS, Ciara Laird of Troy, Alabama, has achieved  
9 national recognition for exemplary volunteer service by  
10 receiving a 2016 Prudential Spirit of Community Award; this  
11 award, presented by Prudential Financial in partnership with  
12 the National Association of Secondary School Principals,  
13 honors young volunteers across America who have demonstrated  
14 extraordinary commitment to serving their communities; and

15 WHEREAS, Ciara Laird, a fifth-grader, was nominated  
16 by New Life Christian Academy and was selected as one of the  
17 top two state honorees; she will receive \$1,000, an engraved  
18 silver medallion, and all-expense-paid trip to Washington,  
19 D.C., in May 2016 to join the top two honorees from each state  
20 for four days of educational experiences and national  
21 recognition events; and

22 WHEREAS, Ciara earned this award by giving  
23 generously of her time and energy to worthy projects in her  
24 community; she began a food drive by placing a box in her  
25 classroom that grew into becoming a continuous food drive; as

1 president of her school's honor society, she is encouraging  
2 other students to work together to feed the hungry; Ciara has  
3 filled shoeboxes at Christmas for children in need, she has  
4 made care packages for families affected by local storms, she  
5 assisted at a local community garden that is connected to an  
6 after school center, and has volunteered at a local nursing  
7 home, including singing Christmas songs to the residents; and

8 WHEREAS, the success of the State of Alabama, the  
9 strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of  
10 American society depend, in great measure, upon the dedication  
11 of young people like Ciara Laird, who use their considerable  
12 talents and resources to serve others; and

13 WHEREAS, Ciara Laird was initially inspired by  
14 witnessing someone eating out of a trash dumpster outside a  
15 restaurant; she turned this experience into faithful and  
16 meaningful service for others; she is truly worthy of this  
17 distinctive award for her outstanding record of volunteer  
18 service, peer leadership, and community spirit; now therefore,

19 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
20 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That Ciara Laird is most highly  
21 commended, and this resolution is offered with heartiest  
22 congratulations to her on her accomplishment as a recipient of  
23 a top Alabama 2016 Prudential Spirit of Community Award with  
24 best wishes for her continued success and happiness.

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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

Patrick Harris  
Secretary

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House of Representatives  
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By: Senator Melson