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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING SALTILLO HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR TORIE MAKEL HUTCHINS OF SALTILLO, MISSISSIPPI, UPON HER RECEIPT OF THE 2012 PRUDENTIAL SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY AWARD AS TOP YOUTH VOLUNTEER IN MISSISSIPPI.

WHEREAS, Torie M. Hutchins, a senior at Saltillo High School in Saltillo, Mississippi, has been named one of two top middle-level youth volunteers for 2012 by receiving a Prudential Spirit of Community Award; and

WHEREAS, this prestigious award, now in its 17th year, 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, Torie, a senior at Saltillo High School, advocates and raises money for Le Bonheur Children's Medical Center in Memphis, Tennessee, where she was once a patient. "Le Bonheur has helped me with two illnesses at two different times in my life," said Torie. "I now feel that the illnesses I experienced were a blessing because God led me to this wonderful place that revolves around helping sick and injured children"; and

WHEREAS, since Sixth Grade, Torie has volunteered countless hours supporting the hospital by interacting with patients, participating in fund-raising events, giving speeches, licking envelopes for mailings and selling hospital-branded items, along with a variety of other activities. She also created her own fundraiser in 2009 called "Lift Off 4 Le Bonheur," which is now held every year at the hospital. For this event, Torie solicits

donations, sponsors a balloon liftoff, and designs and sells event T-shirts. "I feel there is no better accomplishment than to give help, hope and love to the lives of others," said Torie. "One day, I plan to join the Le Bonheur staff as a Nurse Anesthetist, so even then I will be contributing back to an amazing cause"; and

WHEREAS, all public and private middle-level and high schools in the country, as well as all Girl Scout councils, county 4-H organizations, American Red Cross chapters, YMCAs, Camp Fire USA councils and volunteer centers, were eligible to select a student or member for a local Prudential Spirit of Community Award this past November. Local honorees were then reviewed by state-level judges, who selected State Honorees and Distinguished Finalists based on criteria such as personal initiative, creativity, effort, impact and personal growth; and

WHEREAS, ten of the State Honorees - five middle-level and five high school students - will be named America's top ten youth volunteers of the year by a prestigious national selection committee. These National Honorees will receive an additional \$5,000.00, a gold medallion and a crystal trophy. In addition, the ten National Honorees will have a total of \$250,000.00 in children's products donated in their names to needy children in their communities by Kids in Distressed Situations, Inc., the national charity of the children's apparel and products industry; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That we do hereby commend and congratulate Saltillo High School senior Torie Makel Hutchins of Saltillo, Mississippi, upon her receipt of

the 2012 Prudential Spirit of Community Award, and recognize her outstanding record of volunteer service, peer leadership and community spirit, and extend to Torie and her family the best wishes for success in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to Torie and her family and be made available to the Capitol Press Corps.

ADOPTED BY THE SENATE
March 16, 2012



PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

ADOPTED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
March 20, 2012



SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES