

NO. R-99. SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING
THE 2009 VERMONT WINNERS OF THE PRUDENTIAL SPIRIT OF
COMMUNITY AWARDS.

(S.C.R.14)

By Senators Snelling, Ashe, Ayer, Bartlett, Choate, Cummings, Doyle,
Flanagan, Giard, Kitchel, Lyons, Miller, Racine, and Scott,

By Representatives Crawford of Burke, Lawrence of Lyndon, Lippert of
Hinesburg, Minter of Waterbury, Morley of Barton, Rodgers of Glover, and
Stevens of Waterbury,

Whereas, in 2009, for the 14th consecutive year, Prudential Financial, in
partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals,
presented the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards which recognize
outstanding youth volunteers, and

Whereas, the awards recognize four students from each state and the District
of Columbia, including two state honorees and two distinguished finalists, and

Whereas, the 2009 Vermont state honorees are Courtney Devoid of
Hinesburg, a student at Mt. Abraham Union High School, and Lydia Ham, a
home-schooled 8th grader from Sheffield, and

Whereas, Courtney Devoid is a leader of the Vermont Sustainable Heating
Initiative, an organization consisting of over 200 students from 26 high schools
and several colleges that promotes biomass pellets as a home heating fuel and
has taken concrete steps toward this objective, and

Whereas, Lydia Ham, in association with her grandfather's church,
collected goods for and personally worked on construction projects at The
Shadow of His Wings Orphanage in Guatemala, and

Whereas, each state honoree receives a \$1,000.00 prize and a silver medallion, and an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C. to compete for national honors, and

Whereas, Eden Berube, a Lyndon Institute senior from Lyndon Center, and Gabriela Meade, a Harwood Union High senior from Waterbury, were each honored as distinguished finalists and will each be presented a bronze medallion honoring her work as a volunteer, and

Whereas, Eden Berube established The Princess Project that lends gowns and tuxedos to high school students who cannot afford a prom wardrobe, and Gabriela Meade led a \$68,000.00 fundraising effort to install energy efficient lightbulbs in her school, and

Whereas, each of these students is an excellent example of a young community leader of the best possible kind, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2009 Vermont winners of the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to each of the award winners honored in this resolution.