

**No. R-108. House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2011 Vermont winners of Prudential Spirit of Community Awards.**

(H.C.R.81)

Offered by: Representatives Partridge of Windham, Trieber of Rockingham, Wilson of Manchester, Strong of Albany, Young of Albany, Miller of Shaftsbury, Champion of Bennington, Corcoran of Bennington, Mook of Bennington, Morrissey of Bennington, Burditt of West Rutland and Potter of Clarendon

Offered by: Senators Kitchel, Benning, Galbraith, White, Hartwell, Sears, Carris, Flory and Mullin

Whereas, Prudential Financial and the National Association of Secondary Schools jointly present the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards to honor youth volunteers from every state and Washington, D.C., and

Whereas, state honorees receive \$1,000.00, an engraved silver medallion, and a trip to Washington, D.C. and compete for national recognition, and

Whereas, distinguished finalists are also designated, and these students receive an engraved bronze medallion, and

Whereas, in 2011, the Vermont middle school state honoree was Katherine Ham of Sheffield, a 13-year-old eighth grader at Servant's Heart Academy home school, and

Whereas, she was recognized for her annual family excursions to a Guatemalan orphanage, for which she fundraises in advance of her trip and performs whatever tasks requested upon her arrival, and

Whereas, this year's Vermont senior high school honoree is Luke Drabyn of Grafton, an 18-year-old senior at Burr and Burton Academy in Manchester, and

Whereas, he established a school chapter of Global Minimum, an organization which distributes insecticide-coated mosquito netting to malaria-prone areas in Sierra Leone, and he raised \$2,000.00 and traveled to Sierra Leone to deliver the nets which are now protecting 1,150 persons, and

Whereas, 17-year-old Lauren Waller of West Rutland, a senior at Mill River Union High School in North Clarendon, was recognized for her leadership as president of her school's Key Club, a student service organization, and

Whereas, 17-year-old Cherise Madigan, a senior at Mt. Anthony Union High School, earned distinguished finalist honors for her role as president of the Rotary-connected Interact Club, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2011 Vermont winners of 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 honorees.