

No. R-460. Senate concurrent resolution congratulating the 2012 Vermont Prudential Spirit of Community Award winners.

(S.C.R.45)

By Senators Ayer and Giard,

By Representatives Jewett of Ripton, Nuovo of Middlebury and Ralston of Middlebury, Lenos of Shelburne, Webb of Shelburne, Devereux of Mount Holly, Evans of Essex, Heath of Westford, Jerman of Essex, Myers of Essex and Waite-Simpson of Essex,

Whereas, Prudential Financial and the National Association of Secondary School Principals annually cosponsor the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards honoring exceptional middle and high school volunteers, and in each state, one high school and one middle school student is named a state honoree, and two distinguished finalists are selected from one or both age groups, and

Whereas, the state honorees receive \$1,000.00, an engraved silver medallion, and an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C. for the national award presentation, and the distinguished finalists receive an engraved bronze medallion, and

Whereas, in 2012, the Vermont high school honoree is Emery Tillman, a 17-year-old senior at Middlebury Union High School who, while traveling around the world to compete as a freestyle kayaker, engaged in various volunteer projects, including helping to organize river cleanup projects at home and on the Ottawa River in Canada, teaching English to middle schoolers in Chile, preparing meals and coaching soccer at a Zambian orphanage, and volunteering at a malaria clinic in Uganda, and

Whereas, the middle school honoree, Todd Boisjoli, a 13-year-old eighth grader at Shelburne Community School, began his volunteer efforts assisting with a fundraiser for the Vermont Children's Trust Foundation which led to his seeking further ways to volunteer at his school, including managing the school store, working with the elementary school lunch program and his school's recycling program, and participating in alcohol and drug education programs and in projects through his membership on the school leadership council, and

Whereas, outside school, he referees soccer games and has volunteered in post-Tropical Storm Irene relief activities, and

Whereas, distinguished finalist recognition was presented to Alison Cook, a 17-year-old senior at Essex High School who has engaged in numerous school and community activities, including captaining her school's environmental club team which has planted over 200 trees along a local river with funds raised from a recycling program, and

Whereas, distinguished finalist recognition was similarly presented to Lucey Gagner, a 17-year-old senior at Black River High School who is a passionate volunteer with many organizations, including Dismas House, for which she purchases food for a meal she prepares monthly for its residents,
now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the 2012 Vermont Prudential Spirit of Community Award winners, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to each of the honored students at their respective schools.