



State of Tennessee

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 125

By Berke

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Kaitlyn Fox upon being named State Honoree for the Prudential Spirit of Community Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly pause in their deliberations to salute those young citizens who, through their remarkable efforts, have distinguished themselves as emerging community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, Kaitlyn Fox, of Chattanooga, a sixth-grader at East Lake Academy, has been selected as one of two State Honorees of the 2011 Prudential Spirit of Community Award; and

WHEREAS, this prestigious award was created in 1995 by Prudential Financial in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals in an effort to emphasize the importance that our great Nation places on service to others and to encourage all young Americans to contribute to their communities; and

WHEREAS, this remarkable eleven-year-old sponsored "Smiles for Soldiers" for a unit of eighty-eight soldiers deployed to Afghanistan. Miss Fox sent boxed hygiene items, snacks, books, games, and cards signed by friends, family members, and school and church acquaintances to these soldiers, after she was inspired by the testimonies of two Pearl Harbor survivors; and

WHEREAS, wishing to bring smiles to the faces of our national heroes, Kaitlyn Fox commenced her volunteer work by making inventive treats out of candy bars and sold her creations to teachers, church members, friends, and relatives, raising \$200 to purchase personal supplies for the soldiers; and

WHEREAS, after presenting the gifts to the soldiers at a dinner in their honor, the young guest speaker received a standing ovation for her skillful efforts and touching prayers; and

WHEREAS, driven by her passion to give support to the brave men and women she admired, Kaitlyn continued in her mission to raise money and began shipping larger boxes of treats and personal items every month; and

WHEREAS, as a State Honoree, Miss Fox will receive a \$1,000 award, an engraved silver medallion, and a trip to Washington, D.C., for a series of national recognition events; and

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of American society depend, in great measure, upon the dedication of young people like Kaitlyn Fox who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others, even at a young age; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby congratulate and honor Kaitlyn Fox as a State Honoree of the 2011 Prudential Spirit of Community Award, recognizing her outstanding record of volunteer service, peer leadership, and community spirit, and extending to her our best wishes for her continued success and happiness.

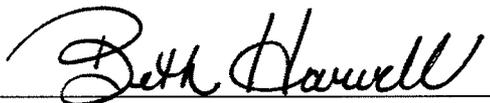
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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ADOPTED: March 21, 2011



RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 31st day of March 2011



BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR