

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1857

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending Joanna Behrman.

WHEREAS, Joanna Behrman, an esteemed resident of Wichita, Kansas, and a student at Wichita High School East, has achieved national recognition for exemplary volunteer service by being named a Distinguished Finalist for the 2009 Prudential Spirit of Community Award; and

WHEREAS, This prestigious award, 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, Ms. Behrman earned this award by giving generously of her time and energy to the Diversity Kansas program, where she serves as an intern; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Behrman helps run the “Use Another Word Please” program; and

WHEREAS, The “Use Another Word Please” program discourages the use of offensive or derogatory language among high school students, encouraging them to use sensitive and encouraging language instead; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Behrman promotes the program with posters and buttons, speaks to students and administrators, and encourages students to sign pledges promising to refrain from using insensitive words; and

WHEREAS, The success of the State of Kansas, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of American society depends, in great measure, upon the dedication of young people like Ms. Behrman, who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That we congratulate and commend Ms. Behrman for being named a Distinguished Finalist for the Prudential Spirit of Community Award, that we recognize her outstanding record of volunteer service, peer leadership and community spirit and that we extend our best wishes for her continued success and happiness; and

*Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate be directed to provide an enrolled copy of this resolution to Senator Oletha Faust-Goudeau.

Senate Resolution No. 1857 was sponsored by Senator Oletha Faust-Goudeau.

I hereby certify that the above RESOLUTION originated in the SENATE, and was adopted by that body

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*President of the Senate.*

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*Secretary of the Senate.*