

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1834

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending Alex Stonebarger for being named one of the top two youth volunteers in Kansas for 2010 in the 15th annual Prudential Spirit of Community Awards.

WHEREAS, Alex Stonebarger, a resident of Leawood, Kansas, and an eighth grade student at Mission Valley Middle School, has achieved national recognition for exemplary volunteer service by receiving a 2010 Prudential Spirit of Community Award; and

WHEREAS, Alex combined her love for animals and her commitment to the environment by founding a youth volunteer organization called “Fetching Dreams” that has raised \$3,500 for animal charities by making and selling pet-safe toys and leashes from recycled building materials and discarded fabric. Alex recruited and trained volunteers from various school groups and community organizations to help make the toys and leashes, which were then sold at festivals, art fairs, animal shows and other local events; and

WHEREAS, The proceeds, as well as donations solicited through her website, www.fetchingdreams.webs.com, go to the Humane Society of Kansas City, a no-kill animal shelter, as well as the Rolling Dog Ranch in Montana, a sanctuary for disabled animals; and

WHEREAS, Because of her efforts, Alex was nominated by Mission Valley Middle School for the Prudential Spirit of Community Award. 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. As a State Honoree, Alex received \$1,000, an engraved silver medallion, and an all-expense paid trip in early May to Washington D.C., where she will join other honorees from each of the other states and the District of Columbia for several days of national recognition events; and

WHEREAS, The success of the State of Kansas, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of American society depend, in great measure, upon the dedication of young people like Alex 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 Alex Stonebarger for being named one of two state recipients of the Prudential Spirit of Community Award, we honor her outstanding record of volunteer service, peer leadership and community spirit, and 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 send one enrolled copy of this resolution to Senator Vratil.

Senate Resolution No. 1834 was sponsored by Senator John Vratil.

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

President of the Senate.

Secretary of the Senate.