

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1835

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending Aniruddha Rao for being named a Distinguished Finalist for 2010 in the 15th annual Prudential Spirit of Community Awards.

WHEREAS, Aniruddha “Andy” Rao, a resident of Overland Park, Kansas, and a senior at Blue Valley Northwest High School, has been recognized for exemplary volunteer service as a Distinguished Finalist in the 2010 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards; and

WHEREAS, Andy helped develop a performance known as “The Outrage” at his school to educate the community about teen dating violence and domestic abuse. Andy and other members of “The Outrage” theatre troupe performed the play more than 50 times for over 10,000 people in one year; and

WHEREAS, Because of his efforts, Andy was nominated by Blue Valley Northwest High 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 Distinguished Finalist, Andy received a bronze medallion at a local ceremony; 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 Andy 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 Aniruddha Rao for being named as a Distinguished Finalist for the Prudential Spirit of Community Award, we honor his outstanding record of volunteer service, peer leadership and community spirit, and we extend our best wishes for his 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. 1835 was sponsored by Senator John Vratil.

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.*