**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE AND HONOR THOMAS MCCLINTON AS A RECIPIENT OF A PRUDENTIAL SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY AWARD; TO RECOGNIZE HIS OUTSTANDING RECORD OF VOLUNTEER SERVICE, PEER LEADERSHIP, AND COMMUNITY SPIRIT; AND TO EXTEND BEST WISHES FOR HIS CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS.

Whereas, Thomas McClinton, a resident of Ware Shoals, South Carolina and a senior at Ninety Six High School, has achieved national recognition for exemplary volunteer service by receiving a 2017 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, Thomas McClinton, at only nineteen, earned this award by giving generously of his time and energy to a wide variety of charitable initiatives and organizations. Thomas serves as president of the Laurens County 4-H Club and Future Farmers of America chapter and is currently leading a “mile of quarters” collection to fund the construction of a show barn for the 4-H Club. He also visits a primary school every Friday to welcome and read to the kids; and

Whereas, the success of the State of South Carolina, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of American society depend, in great measure, upon the dedication of young people like Thomas McClinton who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, congratulate and honor Thomas McClinton as a recipient of a Prudential Spirit of Community Award; recognize his outstanding record of volunteer service, peer leadership, and community spirit; and extend best wishes for his continued success and happiness.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Thomas McClinton.

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