

Reps. Pearce, Ball, Barnett, Booher, Terry Brown, Daley, Durhal, Espinoza, Geiss, Green, Haines, Haugh, Robert Jones, Kurtz, Lahti, Leland, Lori, Lund, Marleau, Mayes, Opsommer, Pavlov, Proos, Wayne Schmidt and Tyler offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 48.

A resolution recognizing Courtney Fedeson of Belmont, Michigan for being named one of the top two youth volunteers in Michigan for 2009.

Whereas, Courtney Fedeson, a resident of Belmont and a seventh grade student at North Rockford Middle School, has achieved national recognition for exemplary volunteer service by receiving the 2009 Prudential Spirit of Community Award; and

Whereas, Nearly 20,000 young people across the country were considered for state-level recognition this year; 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, The National Association of Secondary School Principals in their mission to promote excellence in school leaders recognize the 2009 Prudential Spirit of Community Award recipients for their youth volunteer work and leadership; and

Whereas, The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program, the United State's largest youth recognition program based solely on volunteer service, is also administered in Japan, South Korea, Taiwan, and Ireland; and

Whereas, Prudential Financial's well known 'rock' symbol represents strength, stability, expertise, and innovation, that also describe the characteristics of many of the Prudential Spirit of Community Award recipients; and

Whereas, Courtney earned this award by giving generously of her time and energy to leading her Girl Scout troop in a landscaping project at the front entrance of North Rockford Middle school; and

Whereas, Courtney and her Girl Scout troop developed a plan, created a budget, presented their plan, and raised funds for the North Rockford Middle School landscaping project, and personally recruited student and adult helpers to aid in the completion of this service project; and

Whereas, As a state honoree, Courtney will receive a \$1000 award, an engraved silver medallion, and a trip to Washington D.C. for national recognition; and

Whereas, The success of the state of Michigan, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of American society depend, in great measure, upon the dedication of young people like Courtney who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body congratulate and honor Courtney Fedeson as a recipient of the Prudential Spirit of Community Award.