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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING EMILY RICHEY AS A RECIPIENT OF A  
PRUDENTIAL SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY AWARD.

### Subtitle

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COMMUNITY AWARD.

WHEREAS, Emily Richey, an esteemed resident of Paris, Arkansas, and a senior at Paris 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, Inc., 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, Miss Richey was nominated by Paris High School in Paris, Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, Miss Richey earned this award by generously giving her time to provide care and nurture for the elderly population in her area; and

WHEREAS, Miss Richey realized that children were often the area of focus for volunteer work, while the elderly population is often neglected; and she discovered through her own great-grandmother and through research



that doll therapy has been shown to help dementia patients by triggering in them a sense of love, connection, and calm; and

WHEREAS, by creating a nonprofit organization, persuading her Future Business Leaders of America chapter at school to take on this initiative, and raising more than \$13,000 to provide nearly 150 special dolls and stuffed animals to dementia patients in 8 nursing homes, Miss Richey has greatly impacted her community; and

WHEREAS, the success of the State of Arkansas, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of American society depend, in great measure, upon the dedication of young people like Miss Richey who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others,

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

THAT the House of Representatives congratulate and honor Emily Richey as a recipient of a Prudential Spirit of Community Award and recognize her outstanding record of volunteer service, peer leadership, and community spirit.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon its adoption, a copy of this resolution be presented to Emily Richey by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.