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3 By Senator Waggoner  
4 RFD:  
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8 COMMENDING LAURE BENDER FOR EXEMPLARY VOLUNTEER  
9 SERVICE.

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11 WHEREAS, Laure Bender of Birmingham, Alabama, has  
12 achieved national recognition for exemplary volunteer service  
13 by receiving the 2014 Prudential Spirit of Community Award;  
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15 WHEREAS, this prestigious award, presented by  
16 Prudential Financial in partnership with the National  
17 Association of Secondary School Principals, honors young  
18 volunteers across America who have demonstrated an  
19 extraordinary commitment to serving their communities; and

20 WHEREAS, as an exemplary senior at The Altamont  
21 School, Laure Bender continued her record of giving generously  
22 of her time and energy to help others; she has gathered dental  
23 health kits for campers at Sawyerville Day Camp, a free camp  
24 sponsored by the Episcopal Diocese of Alabama in Hale County,  
25 where she has volunteered for the past two summers; over 500  
26 children received the dental health kits over the course of

1 three weeks; she desired for her contribution to raise  
2 awareness and improve oral health among the campers; and

3                   WHEREAS, additionally, Laure has served as a  
4 research assistant in the John Meador-Woodruff Lab, where she  
5 assisted with a large ongoing project testing the hypothesis  
6 that glutamate transporters are disrupted in schizophrenia;  
7 she has also served as President of Altamont's Avondale  
8 Tutoring Club, through which she tutors Avondale elementary  
9 school students weekly; and

10                  WHEREAS, a standout student, she serves as an  
11 Altamont Ambassador and is a member of the French Club, which  
12 she has served as President and Vice President; she is also a  
13 member of the Varsity Cross Country team, where she earned a  
14 Leadership Award in 2012; she was a valuable member of the  
15 Varsity Soccer team from 2009-2012; and

16                  WHEREAS, she has the distinction of being a member  
17 of The Miree Ethical Leadership Program and of graduating from  
18 the Youth Leadership Forum; and

19                  WHEREAS, the success of the State of Alabama, the  
20 strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of  
21 American society depend, in great measure, upon the dedication  
22 of young people who use their considerable talents and  
23 resources to serve others; now therefore,

24                  BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
25 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That Laure Bender is hereby most  
26 highly honored and commended as a recipient of the 2014  
27 Prudential Spirit of Community Award in recognition of her

1 outstanding record of volunteer service, peer leadership, and  
2 community spirit, and it is directed that a copy of this  
3 resolution be provided to her with heartiest congratulations  
4 and best wishes in future endeavors.