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3 By Representative Jones
4 RFD: Rules
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8 COMMENDING MERRILL ANN CULVERHOUSE FOR RECEIVING A
9 TOP ALABAMA PRUDENTIAL SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY AWARD.
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11 WHEREAS, Merrill Ann Culverhouse, of Opp, Alabama,
12 has achieved national recognition for exemplary volunteer
13 service by receiving a 2016 Prudential Spirit of Community
14 Award; this award, presented by Prudential Financial in
15 partnership with the National Association of Secondary School
16 Principals, honors young volunteers across America who have
17 demonstrated extraordinary commitment to serving their
18 communities; and

19 WHEREAS, Merrill Ann Culverhouse, a freshman at Opp
20 High School, will receive an engraved bronze for this
21 accomplishment; and

22 WHEREAS, Merrill Ann earned this award by giving
23 generously of her time and energy to worthy projects in her
24 community; she has raised more than \$25,000 over the past five
25 years designing and selling custom-designed T-shirts to
26 support numerous causes, including the Birmingham Children's
27 Hospital, the Children's Miracle Network, and the Colon Cancer

1 Coalition; she began selling T-Shirts for a Cause as a
2 clothing drive to provide clean shirts for the victims of the
3 2011 tornadoes in Alabama and plans to continue designing and
4 selling fund-raising shirts in the future; and

5 WHEREAS, the success of the State of Alabama, the
6 strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of
7 American society depend, in great measure, upon the dedication
8 of young people like Merrill Ann, who use their considerable
9 talents and resources to serve others; and

10 WHEREAS, Merrill Ann Culverhouse has turned her life
11 experience into faithful and meaningful service for others;
12 she is truly worthy of this distinctive award for her
13 outstanding record of volunteer service, peer leadership, and
14 community spirit; now therefore,

15 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
16 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That Merrill Ann Culverhouse is
17 most highly commended, and this resolution is offered with
18 heartiest congratulations to her on her accomplishment as a
19 recipient of a 2016 Prudential Spirit of Community Award with
20 best wishes for her continued success and happiness.