**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND JOSEPH KOVAS OF CHESTER FOR HIS OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY SERVICE AND TO CONGRATULATE HIM UPON BEING NAMED A 2014 PRUDENTIAL SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY AWARD DISTINGUISHED FINALIST.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are delighted to learn that Joseph Kovas of Chester has been selected a 2014 Prudential Spirit of Community Award Distinguished Finalist; and

Whereas, the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards, created in 1995 by Prudential Financial in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals, represents the United States’ largest youth‑recognition program based solely on volunteer service; and

Whereas, the program judges recognize Distinguished Finalists for their impressive community service activities and present each of the winners with an engraved bronze medallion. In receiving this award, the Chester Senior High School senior has achieved national recognition for his exemplary volunteer service; and

Whereas, eighteen‑year‑old Joseph was chosen for raising six thousand six hundred dollars to fund the cleanup and restoration of a veterans’ cemetery and the installation of a granite stone monument honoring all branches of the military. Joseph, who earned his Eagle Scout Award for this project, secured donations and grants, worked with the local Veterans Affairs office and cemetery commission, and coordinated the monument’s design with a local stone cutter; and

Whereas, the House of Representatives recognizes that the success of the State of South Carolina, the strength of its communities, and the vitality of American society as a whole depend, in great measure, upon the dedication of individuals like Joseph Kovas who use their talents and resources to serve others. The members are grateful for Joseph’s sacrificial contributions to his community and look with interest to hear of his continued accomplishments in the days ahead. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, recognize and commend Joseph Kovas of Chester for his outstanding community service and congratulate him upon being named a 2014 Prudential Spirit of Community Award Distinguished Finalist.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Joseph Kovas.

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