**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND SHEA THOMAS OF GEORGETOWN COUNTY FOR HER OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY SERVICE AND TO CONGRATULATE HER UPON BEING NAMED A 2015 PRUDENTIAL SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY AWARD DISTINGUISHED FINALIST.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate are delighted to learn that Shea Thomas of Pawleys Island has been selected a 2015 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 Academy for Arts, Science and Technology senior has achieved national recognition for her exemplary volunteer service; and

Whereas, a member of the American Red Cross Eastern South Carolina in Myrtle Beach, seventeen‑year‑old Shea was chosen for raising eleven thousand dollars for the American Red Cross as a member of the Red Cross Rescue Racers, a nonprofit charity marathon training team; and

Whereas, she runs in the race and also has secured matching donations and gifts for giveaways from local businesses while coordinating a fundraising dinner to help meet her goal of ten thousand dollars; and

Whereas, the Senate 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 Shea Thomas who use their talents and resources to serve others. Grateful for her sacrificial contributions to the community, the members will look with interest to hear of Shea’s continued accomplishments in the days ahead. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, recognize and commend Shea Thomas of Georgetown County for her outstanding community service and congratulate her upon being named a 2015 Prudential Spirit of Community Award Distinguished Finalist.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be provided to Shea Thomas.

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