**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE AND HONOR ADOM APPIAH FOR RECEIVING A PRUDENTIAL SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY AWARD; TO RECOGNIZE HIS OUTSTANDING RECORD OF VOLUNTEER SERVICE, PEER LEADERSHIP, AND COMMUNITY SPIRIT; AND TO EXTEND BEST WISHES FOR HIS CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina Senate are pleased to learn that Adom Appiah has achieved national recognition for exemplary volunteer service through a Prudential Spirit of Community Award; and

Whereas, a freshman at Spartanburg Day School and a varsity soccer player, Adom started the charity Ball4Good, which collects donations for community causes, in 2016. At the time, Adom’s history teacher had challenged his class to research a community need and then work independently to seek a solution. Given Adom’s passion for sports, he chose to focus on sports as a unifier in helping the community; and

Whereas, after consultation with his teacher and family, Adom created a website and established a social media presence. He used donations received on his thirteenth birthday as seed money for the charity’s first celebrity basketball game in 2017, which drew eight hundred spectators and benefited a Boys and Girls Club. A second game followed the next year; and

Whereas, since Ball4Good’s inception, Adom has raised more than forty thousand dollars for eleven nonprofit organizations in his community. Donations from Adom’s events have bought uniforms for Boy Scouts who could not afford to buy their own, supported summer camps for Girl Scouts and a Boys and Girls Club, helped families struggling with cancer bills, and funded an advocacy center that combats child abuse. Adom has also worked with school sports teams to collect toiletries, clothing, accessories, toys, and gift cards for the homeless and winter hats for cancer patients; and

Whereas, in addition, Adom has written two books to inspire other students to change the world, and he donates fifty percent of his book sales to nonprofit organizations; and

Whereas, the success of the State of South Carolina, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of American society depend, in great measure, upon the dedication of young people like Adom Appiah who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, congratulate and honor Adom Appiah for receiving a Prudential Spirit of Community Award; recognize his outstanding record of volunteer service, peer leadership, and community spirit; and extend best wishes for his continued success and happiness.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Adom Appiah.

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