

## House Resolution No. 528

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State students who have admirably dedicated their lives and energy to assisting others; and

**Whereas**, Rebecca Bleess of Kansas City, Missouri, is an eighteen-year-old senior at Archbishop O'Hara High School and one of six top youth volunteers in the state of Missouri to receive an annual Prudential Spirit of Community Distinguished Finalist Award in 2002; and

**Whereas**, selected on the basis of her planning and implementing a "senior prom" for residents of a local long-term care facility, Rebecca Bleess will receive an engraved bronze medallion in honor of her status as a state Distinguished Finalist; and

**Whereas**, now in its seventh year, the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards is a nationwide program honoring young people for outstanding acts of volunteerism; and

**Whereas**, the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards are sponsored by Prudential Financial companies, which offer a variety of insurance, mutual funds, retirement, and other related products and services, and the National Association of Secondary School Principals, the preeminent organization and national voice for middle level and high school principals, assistant principals, and aspiring school leaders; and

**Whereas**, Rebecca Bleess was nominated for the Prudential Spirit of Community Award as one of a record 28,000 applicants submitted nationwide for this year's competitive program which values such outstanding criteria as personal initiative, creativity, effort, impact, and personal growth:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-first General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the selection of Rebecca Bleess as a Missouri Distinguished Finalist by the 2002 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program and to convey to her this legislative body's heartiest congratulations and best wishes for continued personal and academic success for many more years to come; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Rebecca Bleess of Archbishop O'Hara High School in Kansas City, Missouri.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
 Representative Bill Boucher  
 District No. 48

I, Jim Kreider, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-first General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 528, adopted February 28, 2002.

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 Jim Kreider, Speaker