

**SENATE CONCURRENT  
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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION congratulating Emily Graves on being named a Prudential Spirit of Community Awards 2020 State Honoree.

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1           A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION congratulating Emily  
2 Graves on being named a Prudential Spirit of Community  
3 Awards Program 2020 State Honoree.

4           *Whereas, Emily Graves of LaPorte, Indiana, a senior at*  
5 *New Prairie High School, founded a nonprofit organization,*  
6 *Cookies for Soldiers, that has delivered more than 35,000 boxes*  
7 *of Girl Scout cookies to active and former military personnel at*  
8 *home and abroad over the past decade;*

9           *Whereas, At the age of 6, Emily bought several boxes of*  
10 *Girl Scout cookies with her own money, solicited donations to*  
11 *buy 600 more boxes, and contacted veterans' organizations to*  
12 *help ship the cookies to service members;*

13           *Whereas, Today, with help from more than 150 volunteers,*  
14 *Emily purchases over 5,000 boxes of Girl Scout cookies and*  
15 *packs them up at an annual packing event, ships the cookies*  
16 *both to active soldiers and veterans, and personally hands*  
17 *cookies out at veterans hospitals, Honor Flights, and at other*  
18 *military and veterans events;*

19           *Whereas, Due to her extensive community service efforts,*  
20 *Emily was nominated to be considered for the Prudential Spirit*  
21 *of Community Award;*

22           *Whereas, The Prudential Spirit of Community Award is the*  
23 *United States' largest youth recognition program based solely*  
24 *on volunteer service, with distinguished finalists and state*  
25 *honorees being selected based on criteria including personal*



1        *initiative, effort, impact, and personal growth;*

2                *Whereas, Emily was named one of two State Honorees for*  
3        *the Prudential Spirit of Community Award for 2020; and*

4                *Whereas, The success of the state of Indiana, the strength*  
5        *of our communities, and the overall leadership development of*  
6        *Indiana's youth depend upon the tireless dedication of young*  
7        *individuals like Emily, who uses her considerable talents and*  
8        *resources to serve others: Therefore,*

9                *Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly*  
10              *of the State of Indiana, the House of Representatives*  
11                              *concurring:*

12              SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly  
13        congratulates Emily Graves on being named a Prudential Spirit  
14        of Community Awards 2020 State Honoree.

15              SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed  
16        to transmit a copy of this Resolution to Emily Graves.

