

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 966

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Katelyn Carpenter upon winning the Prudential Spirit of Community Award.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly are pleased to recognize those estimable citizens of this State, both young and old, who consistently demonstrate a personal commitment to improving the lives and well-being of others; and

WHEREAS, Katelyn Carpenter, a resident of Crossville and a senior at Cumberland County High School, has achieved national recognition for her exemplary volunteer service, being named a State Honoree of the 2020 Prudential Spirit of Community Award; and

WHEREAS, this prestigious award, presented by Prudential Financial in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals, honors young volunteers across America who have demonstrated an extraordinary commitment to serving their communities; and

WHEREAS, one of the top two youth volunteers in Tennessee, Katelyn Carpenter was selected as the High School State Honoree and will receive a \$1,000 scholarship, an engraved silver medallion, and a trip to Washington, D.C., in May 2020 for a series of national recognition events; and

WHEREAS, Katelyn earned this award by giving generously of her time and energy; she organized an initiative to address food insecurity among students at Martin Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, inspired to make a difference after learning of the struggles happening in her own community, Katelyn Carpenter obtained \$1,500 in funding from her church's finance

committee and created a program to provide weekly care packages for more than sixty elementary school students who lack a reliable source of food at home; and

WHEREAS, currently, the program is supported by twenty volunteers who assemble at least fifty-five care packages a week; Katelyn's church has since expanded its support of Martin Elementary School, providing classroom volunteers, sponsoring sports teams, and donating books and supplies; and

WHEREAS, the success of the State of Tennessee, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of American society depend, in great measure, upon the dedication of young people like Katelyn Carpenter, who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate and fitting that the members of this General Assembly give recognition to and express gratitude for the vitality, altruism, and tremendous determination of young Tennesseans such as Katelyn Carpenter, who truly are shining stars on the horizon of our State's future; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate 2020 Prudential Spirit of Community Award winner Katelyn Carpenter, recognize her outstanding volunteerism in her community, and wish her every success in all future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the state seal appear without House or Senate designation.