

By: Senator(s) Robertson

To: Rules

## SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 556

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING BRIAN  
2 TANNER OF LUCEDALE, MISSISSIPPI, FOR BEING NAMED A DISTINGUISHED  
3 FINALIST IN THE 2004 PRUDENTIAL SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY AWARDS.

4 WHEREAS, Brian Tanner, 18 years of age, of Lucedale,  
5 Mississippi, a Senior at East Central High School in Hurley,  
6 Mississippi, has been recognized as a Distinguished Finalist in  
7 the 2004 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards; and

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

13 WHEREAS, Brian provided horse-riding therapy to a young girl  
14 with cerebral palsy and a brain injury. Brian trained and groomed  
15 the horse used in the therapy, and conducted 1-2 hour-riding  
16 sessions with the girl to help improve neurological function and  
17 sensory processing; and

18 WHEREAS, "People as caring and committed as this young  
19 student are critical to the future of our neighborhoods, our  
20 cities and our nation," said Arthur F. Ryan, Chairman and CEO of  
21 Prudential Financial. "By recognizing this honoree, we hope to  
22 encourage other young people - our future leaders - and all  
23 Americans to think more about the value and importance of  
24 volunteering in their communities;" and

25 WHEREAS, all public, private, middle and high schools in the  
26 country, as well as all Girl Scout councils, county 4-H  
27 organizations, American Red Cross chapters, YMCAs, Camp Fire USA

28 councils and Volunteer Centers, were eligible to select a student  
29 or member for a local Prudential Spirit of Community Award this  
30 past November. Local honorees were then reviewed by state-level  
31 judges, who selected State Honorees and Distinguished Finalists  
32 based on criteria such as personal initiative, creativity, effort,  
33 impact and personal growth; and

34 WHEREAS, on May 3, 2004, ten of the 104 State Honorees - five  
35 middle and five high school students - will be named America's top  
36 ten youth volunteers of the year by a prestigious national  
37 selection committee. These national honorees will receive an  
38 additional \$5,000, a gold medallion and a crystal trophy. In  
39 addition, the ten national honorees will have a total of \$250,000  
40 in children's products donated in their names to needy children in  
41 their communities by Kids in Distressed Situations, Inc., the  
42 national charity of the children's apparel and products industry;  
43 and

44 WHEREAS, the success of the State of Mississippi, the  
45 strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of American  
46 society depend, in great measure, upon the dedication of young  
47 people like Brian who use their considerable talents and resources  
48 to serve others:

49 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF  
50 MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That  
51 we do hereby commend and congratulate East Central High School  
52 Senior Brian Tanner of Lucedale, Mississippi, for being named a  
53 Distinguished Finalist in the 2004 Prudential Spirit of Community  
54 Awards, and recognize his outstanding record of volunteer service,  
55 peer leadership and community spirit and extend to him and his  
56 family the best wishes for success in his future endeavors.

57 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be presented to  
58 Brian and his family and be made available to the Capitol Press  
59 Corps.