

Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 15

BY REPRESENTATIVE STUART BISHOP

COMMENDATIONS: Commends Elijah Evans of Youngsville upon being named a top youth volunteer of 2014 by the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To commend Elijah Evans of Youngsville for being recognized as a top youth volunteer of  
3 2014 by the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program.

4 WHEREAS, the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards is a nationwide program  
5 honoring young people for outstanding acts of volunteerism; and

6 WHEREAS, sixteen-year-old Elijah Evans was nominated from Comeaux High  
7 School in Lafayette for the work he has done to raise the awareness of his community about  
8 child abuse and to improve the lives of foster children by promoting and hosting an annual  
9 Christmas party for children in foster care; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Evans suffered abuse at the tender age of two, and spent years in  
11 foster care until he was adopted by a nurse who had cared for him during his many hospital  
12 stays; his adopted mother showed Elijah the love and care that has made him the  
13 compassionate individual he is today; and

14 WHEREAS, his experiences implanted in him a desire to help others who were  
15 suffering as he had suffered; to that end, Elijah freely shared his own story of abuse at  
16 churches, schools, civic organizations, and with the media; he recruited volunteers, sold  
17 raffle tickets, and self-designed T-shirts, and collected donations; and

18 WHEREAS, upon receiving a list of seventy-two foster children from the Louisiana  
19 Department of Children and Family Services, Elijah Evans used the funds he collected to  
20 host his first Christmas of Hope; since then, it has become a yearly event and Mr. Evans has

1 formed "No Use For Abuse", an organization to pursue more initiatives to help abused  
2 children and foster children feel wanted; and

3 WHEREAS, as a Prudential Spirit of Community Award recipient for 2014, Elijah  
4 Evans received a one thousand dollar award, an engraved silver medallion, and will travel  
5 to the nation's capitol May 3-6 to join award winners from other states for a series of national  
6 recognition events; and

7 WHEREAS, students like Elijah Evans represent the best of America's youth and are  
8 role models to their peers and in their communities, and it is appropriate to congratulate him  
9 upon being selected to receive this recognition by the Prudential Spirit of Community  
10 Awards program.

11 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the  
12 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Elijah Evans of Youngsville upon being  
13 recognized as a top youth volunteer by the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program  
14 for 2014; does hereby extend to him heartiest congratulations for his continuing endeavors  
15 in shining the light of awareness on child abuse; and does hereby wish him much success as  
16 he continues to bring a Christmas of Hope each year to foster children in his community of  
17 Youngsville.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted  
19 to Elijah Evans.

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DIGEST

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