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1 1 HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. BY WATTS and LYKAM 1 2 3 A Resolution honoring Sam Wagner and Talia Leman, 1 the Iowa Prudential Spirit of Community Award 1 4 1 5 Winners. 1 WHEREAS, since 1995, the Prudential Financial 6 1 7 Corporation and the National Association of Secondary 1 8 School Principals honor outstanding secondary school 9 students, on an annual basis, whose school or 1 1 10 community volunteer projects merit special recognition 1 11 as examples of outstanding civic initiatives; and WHEREAS, judges from each state select two state, 1 12 1 13 district, or commonwealth honorees who receive a 1 14 \$1,000 cash award, an engraved silver medallion, and 1 15 an all=expense=paid trip to Washington, D.C., to 1 16 compete in a national competition for further 1 17 recognition; and 1 18 WHEREAS, Sam Wagner, a student at Assumption High 1 19 School in Davenport, and Talia Leman of Waukee, a 1 20 student at The Academy in Des Moines, have been named 1 21 Iowa's top two youth volunteers for 2008 by the 1 22 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards; and 23 WHEREAS, Sam organized a car wash and solicited 24 pledges for each car washed, and 50 volunteers washed 1 23 1 1 25 506 cars without charge; and WHEREAS, in that event Sam raised more than \$18,000 1 26 1 27 to help Habitat for Humanity build a house for a 1 28 low=income family; and WHEREAS, Talia Leman, a seventh=grader, founded an 1 29 1 30 organization called "RandomKid" which seeks to educate 2 1 and motivate young people around the world to work on 2 a broad spectrum of pressing needs; and 2 3 WHEREAS, Talia began by encouraging local 4 youngsters to trick=or=treat for coins instead of 2 2 2 5 candy, donating the proceeds to Hurricane Katrina 6 relief efforts; and 2 2 WHEREAS, Talia has now established a nonprofit 7 2 8 organization that solicits support from young people 9 around the world for support for projects as varied as 2 2 10 selling key chains to help rebuild the Gulf Coast, 2 11 raising money to build a school in Cambodia, finding 2 12 homes for stray pets, and collecting DVDs for our 2 13 soldiers overseas; NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, 2 14 2 15 That the House of Representatives honors these two 2 16 remarkable young Iowans, Sam Wagner and Talia Leman, 2 17 for their dedication to the service of others, and 2 18 congratulates them both as 2008 Prudential Spirit of 2 19 Community Award state honorees. 2 20 LSB 6519HH 82 2 21 jr/nh/8