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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Maya Esparza on the
4 occasion of being named one of the 2017 Top Youth Volunteers in
5 Illinois by the 22nd annual Prudential Spirit of Community
6 Awards; and

7 WHEREAS, The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards were
8 created in 1995 by Prudential Financial in partnership with the
9 National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP) to
10 emphasize the importance our nation places on service to
11 others, and to encourage all young Americans to contribute to
12 their communities; and

13 WHEREAS, More than 31,000 young people from across the
14 county participated in the 2017 Prudential Spirit of Community
15 Awards; and

16 WHEREAS, Maya Esparza, an 18-year-old senior at Geneseo
17 High School, was inspired to raise money for sick children
18 after her own hospitalization for allergic attacks; and

19 WHEREAS, As a Distinguished Finalist in the 2017 program,
20 Maya Esparza will receive an engraved bronze medallion; and

1 WHEREAS, Maya Esparza raised more than \$1,000 dollars for
2 St. Jude Children's Research Hospital by decorating and
3 hand-stamping old keys with positive words, and then selling
4 them through her "Keys for Kids" Facebook page with the help of
5 her school volunteer club; and

6 WHEREAS, Maya Esparza has also supported St. Jude
7 Children's Research Hospital by running 13 miles in a benefit
8 race; and

9 WHEREAS, Maya Esparza represents the best of Illinois youth
10 and stands as a role model for younger generations; therefore,
11 be it

12 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
13 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
14 congratulate Maya Esparza on the occasion of her outstanding
15 accomplishment of being named one of the 2017 Top Youth
16 Volunteers in Illinois by the 22nd annual Prudential Spirit of
17 Community Awards; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
19 presented to Maya Esparza as a symbol of our esteem and
20 respect.