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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Kendall Ciesemier, an esteemed resident of
3 Wheaton and a student at Franklin Middle School in Wheaton, has
4 achieved national recognition for exemplary volunteer service
5 by being named one of the two top volunteers in the State of
6 Illinois in the 2007 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards; and

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

12 WHEREAS, Kendall, an eighth-grade student, formed a
13 nonprofit organization that has raised \$50,000 since 2004 to
14 benefit AIDS orphans in Africa; Kendall, who has faced her own
15 struggles as she underwent two liver transplants, was inspired
16 to volunteer by watching an Oprah Winfrey TV special about the
17 African AIDS epidemic; and

18 WHEREAS, Kendall used her own money to adopt an AIDS orphan
19 through World Vision; during her recovery from surgery she made
20 the decision to ask people for money for AIDS orphans in lieu
21 of gifts or flowers for her; Kendall and her family established
22 "Kids Caring 4 Kids", an ongoing effort to raise money through

1 a variety of projects, including a website that accepts
2 donations and sales of T-shirts designed by Kendall herself;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, Kendall has raised money and sent it to a village
5 in Zambia to help pay for education, food, and medicine; she
6 frequently speaks to groups about the AIDS epidemic and reaches
7 out to young people to make them aware of the crisis; and

8 WHEREAS, The success of the State of Illinois, the strength
9 of our communities, and the overall vitality of American
10 society depend, in great measure, upon the dedication of young
11 people like Kendall Ciesemier who use their considerable
12 talents and resources to serve others; therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
14 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
15 congratulate Kendall Ciesemier on being a recipient of a 2007
16 Prudential Spirit of Community Award, recognizing her
17 outstanding record of volunteer service, peer leadership, and
18 community spirit, and extend our best wishes for her continued
19 success and happiness; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
21 presented to Kendall Ciesemier as a symbol of our esteem.