

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1019

By Reeves

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Margo Leskinen upon being named a distinguished finalist for the Prudential Spirit of Community Award.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly are pleased to recognize those estimable citizens of this State, both young and old, who consistently demonstrate a personal commitment to improving the lives and well-being of others; and

WHEREAS, Margo Leskinen, a resident of Murfreesboro and a senior at Oakland High School, has achieved national recognition for her exemplary volunteer service, being honored as a finalist for the 2020 Prudential Spirit of Community Award; and

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

WHEREAS, Ms. Leskinen earned this award by giving generously of her time and energy; she and a friend founded Swim Angels, a nonprofit organization that offers free swimming lessons to children in her community; and

WHEREAS, Margo Leskinen has become certified in CPR and first aid, raised funds to secure pool time, promoted Swim Angels in the community, and taught classes throughout the summer, partnering with the local parks and recreation department to expand the program; and

WHEREAS, the success of the State of Tennessee, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of American society depend, in great measure, upon the dedication of young people like Margo Leskinen, who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate and fitting that the members of this General Assembly give recognition to and express gratitude for the vitality, altruism, and tremendous determination of young Tennesseans such as Margo Leskinen, who truly are shining stars on the horizon of our State's future; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate 2020 Prudential Spirit of Community Award finalist Margo Leskinen, recognize her outstanding volunteerism in her community, and wish her every success in all future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.