

House Resolution 333

By: Representative Borders of the 177th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Samantha Wright, the winner of the Prudential Spirit of Community Award;
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Samantha Wright, an esteemed resident of Valdosta and an eighth-grade student
4 at Valdosta Middle School, has achieved national recognition for exemplary volunteer
5 service by receiving the Prudential Spirit of Community Award; and

6 WHEREAS, this prestigious award, presented by The Prudential Insurance Company of
7 America in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals, honors
8 young volunteers across America who have demonstrated an extraordinary commitment to
9 serving their community; and

10 WHEREAS, Samantha Wright earned this award by giving generously of her time and
11 energy as a member of her school's service learning club in the creation of a mobile,
12 hands-on science education center to increase community awareness of air and water
13 purification. Miss Wright and her fellow club members turned a bus into a mobile learning
14 center; raised more than \$30,000.00 through grant applications and fund raising activities;
15 and wrote lesson plans and educated elementary school students through science lessons on
16 the mobile unit; and

17 WHEREAS, nearly 23,000 high school and middle school students were considered for this
18 significant award, and as one of two Georgia honorees, she will receive \$1,000.00, an
19 engraved silver medallion, and an all expense paid trip to Washington, D.C., for further
20 competition in May; and

21 WHEREAS, the success of this state, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality
22 of American society depend, in great measure, upon the dedication of young people like
23 Samantha Wright, who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others; and

1 WHEREAS, in pursuing her goal to educate her community about the importance of
2 purifying the air we breathe and the water we drink, she has brought honor to herself, her
3 family, her school, and this great state.

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
5 the members of this body heartily congratulate and honor Samantha Wright as a recipient of
6 the Prudential Spirit of Community Award, recognize her outstanding record of volunteer
7 service, peer leadership and community spirit, and extend best wishes for her continued
8 success and happiness.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
10 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Samantha Wright.