

House Resolution 480

By: Representatives Smith of the 129th, Smith of the 131st, and Nix of the 69th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and congratulating Carson Hand on being named one of the top youth
2 volunteers in Georgia for 2007; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Carson Hand has been named a Distinguished Finalist in the 12th Annual
4 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards; and

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

8 WHEREAS, Carson, who is 18 and a senior at Northside High School in Columbus, delivers
9 motivational speeches and songs across the country to inspire young people and adults who
10 are battling cancer; and

11 WHEREAS, after his own successful treatment for liver cancer, he prepared a speech and
12 wrote a song about making the best of every opportunity, which he now shares with
13 cancer-related groups, school students, service clubs, military personnel, and other audiences;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, the success of the State of Georgia, the strength of our communities, and the
16 overall vitality of American society depend, in great measure, upon the dedication of young
17 people like Carson who use their considerable talents to serve others.

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
19 the members of this body honor and congratulate Carson Hand as a Distinguished Finalist
20 for a Prudential Spirit of Community Award, recognize his outstanding record of volunteer
21 service, peer leadership, and community spirit, and extend best wishes for his continued
22 success and fulfillment.

- 1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
- 2 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Carson Hand.