

Senate Resolution 1619

By: Senator Unterman of the 45th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending MacKenzie Bearup; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, MacKenzie Bearup of Alpharetta, Georgia, has earned national recognition by
3 being honored with the 2010 Prudential Spirit of Community Award; and

4 WHEREAS, established in 1995 by Prudential Financial and the National Association of
5 Secondary School Principals, the Prudential Spirit of Community Award honors young
6 volunteers across America who have demonstrated an extraordinary commitment to service
7 in their community; and

8 WHEREAS, a home schooled eleventh grader, MacKenzie collected over 30,000 children's
9 books over the past three years to establish libraries or reading rooms for 27 homeless
10 shelters in four states; and

11 WHEREAS, the books MacKenzie has thus far collected have touched the lives of countless
12 individuals in Georgia, Kentucky, Illinois, and Missouri and she recently set up a nonprofit
13 organization, Sheltering Books, Inc., to expand her project nationwide; and

14 WHEREAS, the success of the State of Georgia, the strength of communities, and the vitality
15 of this nation depend heavily upon the service of young people and their willingness to
16 devote their time, energy, and talent to others; and

17 WHEREAS, MacKenzie represents the true spirit of service, peer leadership, and
18 responsibility, and the State of Georgia looks with great anticipation to the future of this
19 bright and promising young student.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
21 commend MacKenzie Bearup's incredible community service to this state and extend
22 congratulations for being recognized with the 2010 Prudential Spirit of Community Award.

- 23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
24 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to MacKenzie Bearup.