

Senate Resolution 450

By: Senator Pearson of the 51st

### A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Sara Walton; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Sara Walton, of Blue Ridge, Georgia, has earned national recognition with a  
3 2009 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 senior at Fannin County High School, over the past nine years Sara Walton  
9 has raised more than \$25,000 to be used to purchase an MRI machine for the operating room  
10 at Scottish Rite Hospital; and

11 WHEREAS, after being treated at Scottish Rite herself for a brain tumor ten years ago, Sara  
12 Walton worked tirelessly to collect funds by participating in craft shows and soliciting  
13 donations from friends, family members, and the public; 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, Sara Walton represents the true spirit of service, kindness, and responsibility,  
18 and the State of Georgia looks with great anticipation to the future of this bright and  
19 promising young student.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
21 commend Sara Walton's incredible community service to this state and extend  
22 congratulations for being recognized with a 2009 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 Sara Walton.