

Senate Resolution 363

By: Senators Shafer of the 48th, Wilkinson of the 50th, Mullis of the 53rd, Ligon, Jr. of the 3rd, Burke of the 11th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing Georgia's Top Youth Volunteers of 2017; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Amal Bhatnagar of Northview High School in Johns Creek has achieved
3 national recognition for exemplary volunteer service by receiving a 2017 Prudential Spirit
4 of Community Award for High School Honorees; and

5 WHEREAS, Kelsey Norris of Bonaire Middle School in Bonaire has achieved national
6 recognition for exemplary volunteer service by receiving a 2017 Prudential Spirit of
7 Community Award for Middle Level Honorees; and

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

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Bhatnagar earned this award by giving generously of his time and energy
13 to First Aid For All, a nonprofit he founded while still in high school that provides basic
14 medical supplies to underserved people locally and abroad; it is estimated that he has
15 supplied first aid kits to 1,100 people in Atlanta and Athens as well as India and Jamaica; and

16 WHEREAS, Ms. Norris earned this award by giving generously of her time and energy to
17 a variety of causes, particularly children with special needs; a special needs child herself, she
18 has worked as a special needs ambassador, has collected 700 cans and boxes of food for
19 hungry children, has gathered 3,000 pounds of dog food for a Humane Society facility, and
20 has raised more than \$20,000.00 for organizations such as Children's Miracle Network,
21 Shriners Children's Hospitals, and St. Jude Children's Research Hospital; and

22 WHEREAS, the success of the State of Georgia, the strength of our communities, and the
23 overall vitality of American society depend greatly upon the dedication of young people like
24 Mr. Bhatnagar and Ms. Norris who use their considerable talents to serve others.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
26 recognize Georgia's Top Youth Volunteers of 2017 and their commitment to public service.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
28 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Amal Bhatnagar
29 and Kelsey Norris.