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8 **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

9 COMMENDING MISS CAMMIE YORK OF LANGLEY, ARKANSAS,
10 ON RECEIVING A 2009 PRUDENTIAL SPIRIT OF
11 COMMUNITY AWARD.
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14 COMMENDING MISS CAMMIE YORK OF LANGLEY,
15 ARKANSAS, ON RECEIVING A 2009 PRUDENTIAL
16 SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY AWARD.
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19 WHEREAS, Miss Cammie York, 11, of Langley, Arkansas, a member of the
20 Pike County 4-H in Murfreesboro, Arkansas, and a fifth-grader at Kirby
21 Elementary School in Kirby, Arkansas, has achieved national recognition for
22 exemplary volunteer service by receiving a 2009 Prudential Spirit of
23 Community Award, one (1) of only two (2) awarded in the state, and will
24 represent Arkansas and receive the award in Washington, D.C.; and
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26 WHEREAS, this prestigious award, presented by Prudential Financial in
27 partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals,
28 honors young volunteers across America who have demonstrated an extraordinary
29 commitment to serving their communities; and
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31 WHEREAS, Miss York has taken it upon herself to make sure that every
32 household within five (5) miles of her town is equipped with a working smoke
33 alarm and batteries; she was moved to take action when a local teen named
34 Christopher died in a house fire; and, "After his death, when we learned that
35 the smoke alarm was not working, we discussed how important it was for every
36 home to have one or more," she said; and



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WHEREAS, Miss York persuaded the Langley Fire Department to purchase smoke alarms and batteries for her project and solicited a discount from a local hardware store; she worked with her father to develop a list of the approximately seventy (70) households served by the fire department and began contacting them; over the summer and on nights and weekends during the school year, she installed new smoke alarms and batteries in all of the homes that needed them; she plans to contact each household again once a year to see if their smoke alarms are working properly; and, "Smoke alarms benefit everyone in every household," she said. "I don't want what happened to Christopher to happen again if I can help."; and

WHEREAS, Miss York earned the award for this generous giving of her time and energy; and

WHEREAS, the success of the State of Arkansas, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of American society depend in great measure upon the dedication of young people like Miss York, who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others,

NOW THEREFORE,
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EIGHTY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

THAT the House of Representatives commends Miss Cammie York on receiving a 2009 Prudential Spirit of Community Award, recognizes her outstanding record of volunteer service, peer leadership, and community spirit, and extends best wishes for her continued success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption of this resolution, an appropriate copy shall be provided to Miss York by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.