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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2016

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SENATE RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING ROBBIE THORP ON BEING SELECTED AS ONE OF RHODE ISLAND'S DISTINGUISHED FINALISTS IN THE 21ST ANNUAL PRUDENTIAL SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY AWARDS PROGRAM

Introduced By: Senators Pearson, Paiva Weed, Algieri, Lombardi, and Sheehan

Date Introduced: March 03, 2016

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1           WHEREAS, The Prudential Spirit of Community Award, presented by Prudential  
2 Financial in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals, honors  
3 young volunteers across America who have demonstrated an extraordinary commitment to  
4 serving their communities; and

5           WHEREAS, The names of more than 29,000 young people from across the country were  
6 nominated and submitted to the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program by various  
7 schools and organizations across the country. The candidates were then reviewed by an  
8 independent panel that selected the State Honorees and Distinguished Finalists based on criteria  
9 including personal initiative, effort, impact, and personal growth; and

10           WHEREAS, Robbie Thorp achieved national recognition for his exemplary volunteer  
11 service by being selected as one of the distinguished finalists for the 2016 Prudential Spirit of  
12 Community Awards; and

13           WHEREAS, The recipients of this award clearly demonstrate that young people across  
14 America are making remarkable contributions to the health and vitality of their communities and  
15 deserve all the praise and appreciation that we can give them; and

16           WHEREAS, Robbie has earned myriad honors for his advocacy and efforts to raise  
17 awareness for epilepsy. He has been honored by Governor Raimondo, former Governor Chafee,  
18 and Congressman Cicilline, and was chosen to be a Teen Advocate representing Rhode Island  
19 with the Epilepsy Foundation of New England, and together with his mom, was also honored at

1 the 32nd Annual Candlelight Dinner and Auction by the Foundation; and

2 WHEREAS, In addition, Robbie has successfully advocated for the recognition of  
3 Epilepsy Awareness Day before his local Town Council, and qualified for the President's  
4 Volunteer Service Award. He also generously gives his time and energy as a volunteer at a camp  
5 for children with epilepsy, is a member of the Adolescent Leadership Council, and is a member of  
6 the Rhode Island Community Action Network for Epilepsy; and

7 WHEREAS, The success of the State of Rhode Island, the strength of our communities,  
8 and the overall vitality of American society depend, in great measure, upon the dedication of  
9 young people like Robbie Thorp who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others;  
10 now, therefore be it

11 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations  
12 hereby congratulates Robbie Thorp on being selected as one of the 2016 Prudential Spirit of  
13 Community Award Distinguished Finalists. We furthermore recognize and applaud his  
14 outstanding record of volunteer service, peer leadership, and community spirit, and extend our  
15 best wishes for his continued success and happiness; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
17 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Mr. Robbie Thorp.

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