

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.4701, by Representatives Skinner, Pearson, Hankins, and Warnick

WHEREAS, The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program is America's largest youth recognition program based exclusively on volunteerism; and

WHEREAS, The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program honors young people in middle school and high school for outstanding volunteer service to their communities; and

WHEREAS, A State Honoree of the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program will receive a \$1,000 award, an engraved silver medallion, and a trip to Washington, D.C., for a series of national recognition events; and

WHEREAS, Brian Vance, 17, of Yakima, Washington, a junior at Selah High School in Selah has been recognized as a State Honoree of the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program; and

WHEREAS, Brian Vance contacted a wide variety of individuals and organizations to gather information on methamphetamine use, and collaborated with high school teachers to create the classroom curriculum on the dangers of methamphetamine; and

WHEREAS, Brian Vance produced an informational DVD and a classroom curriculum that have been distributed to more than 500 schools and public officials across the country to educate students about the dangers of methamphetamine; and

WHEREAS, Brian Vance presented the DVD, entitled "Meth: There's Never Just Once," at more than 20 public forums, and when requests for copies were made, Brian Vance organized fund-raisers and applied for grants in order to make them available free of charge; and

WHEREAS, Samantha McTee, 12, of Yakima, Washington, a sixth-grader at Naches Valley Middle School in Naches has been recognized as a State Honoree of the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program; and

WHEREAS, Samantha McTee raised \$1,200 to help save a community swimming pool by planning a spaghetti dinner and raffle; and

WHEREAS, Samantha McTee organized a place to host the dinner event, set a date for the event, sought donations of food and raffle prizes, posted promotional flyers around the community, and recruited members of her school leadership club to help cook, serve, and clean up at the dinner; and

WHEREAS, Samantha McTee hopes to hold another fund-raiser this year;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the State of Washington honor the vision, the commitment, and the hard work of Brian Vance and Samantha McTee, and celebrate Brian Vance's and Samantha McTee's contribution and dedication to making Washington a better place for all Washingtonians; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives to Brian Vance, Samantha McTee, the Principal of Selah High School, the Principal of Naches Valley Middle School, and the Editor of the Yakima Herald Republic.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of
Resolution 4701 adopted by the House of Representatives
February 29, 2008

Barbara Baker, Chief Clerk