HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 99-4642, by Representatives Mitchell, Parlette, Miloscia, Ballard, Dunn, Thomas and Skinner

WHEREAS, Sarah Baker, 16 years of age, an esteemed resident of Auburn, Washington, and a student at Thomas Jefferson High School, and Brooke Lacy, 15 years of age, an esteemed resident of East Wenatchee, Washington, and a student at Eastmont Junior High School, were named Washington's top two volunteers for 1999 in the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards; and

WHEREAS, This prestigious award, presented by The Prudential Insurance Company of America, in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals, is a nation-wide awards program that, for four years now has honored young people across America who have demonstrated an extraordinary commitment to serving their communities; and

WHEREAS, Nearly 20,000 high school and middle-level students were considered for this award, and Ms. Baker and Ms. Lacy earned this award by giving generously of their time and energy to their communities. Both Ms. Baker and Ms. Lacy, as State Honorees, will each receive \$1,000 awards, an engraved silver medallion, and an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C. in May, where they will join the top two honorees, one middle-level and one high school youth, from each of the other states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico for several days of national recognition events. Ten of these participants will later be named America's top youth volunteers for 1999; and

WHEREAS, The success of the State of Washington, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of American society depend, in great measure, upon the dedication of young people like Ms. Baker and Ms. Lacy, who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives hereby congratulate and honor Ms. Baker and Ms. Lacy as recipients of the Prudential Spirit of Community Award, recognize their outstanding record of volunteer service, peer leadership, and community spirit, and extend best wishes for these fine young ladies' continued success and happiness.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of Resolution 4642 adopted by the House of Representatives March 12, 1999.