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Submitted by: Assembly Members Gray-Jackson, Birch, Drummond, Flynn, Hall, Honeman, Johnston, Ossiander, Starr, Traini, Trombley and Mayor Sullivan

Prepared by: Assembly Counsel's Office

For reading: March 27, 2012

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA AR NO. 2012–91

A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY THANKING PRUDENTIAL JACK WHITE VISTA REALTY, ALASKA SALVATION ARMY, AND THE UAA TRIO PROGRAM FOR THEIR SUPPORT AND PARTNERSHIP WITH THE ALASKA PRUDENTIAL YOUTH LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE (PYLI) YOUTH LEADERSHIP PROGRAM, AND RECOGNIZING THE 2012 ALASKA POINTS OF LIGHT GRADUATES AND SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY DISTINGUISHED FINALIST.

WHEREAS, the Prudential *Spirit of Community* Awards program was created in 1995 by Prudential Financial, Inc. in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals, and is the largest U.S. youth recognition program based exclusively on volunteer community service; and

WHEREAS, one of the goals of the program is to honor middle level and high school students for outstanding service to others at the local, state, and national level; and

WHEREAS, the 15th Annual Alaska *Points of Light* Youth Leadership Institute was sponsored as part of the Prudential national Spirit of Community initiative in Alaska over Spring Break (March 12-16, 2012) at the Anchorage Salvation Army Corps Community Center; and

WHEREAS, fourteen outstanding youth leaders in volunteer service participated in a 40-hour community leadership training that included five days of skill development and instruction in self and community assessment, diversity, goal-setting, team-building, project-planning and decision-making; hands-on field exercises; a community service project; and these participants were honored as Alaska's 2012 *Points of Light* Youth Leadership Institute graduates:

- Eileen Abam, West Anchorage High School, Grade 11
- Estrada Bernard, III, Frontier Charter School, Grade 11
- Zina Card, Family Partnership Charter School, Grade 9
- Carlos Gonzales, West Anchorage High School, Grade 10
- Kourtney Kristine Guthrie, East Anchorage High School, Grade 9
- Kenzie Holbrook, Grade 11
- Juan S. Orosco, West Anchorage High School, Grade 10
- Joshua Reed, West Anchorage High School, Grade 10
- Caleb Reed, Romig Middle School, Grade 8
- Kadeen Sanford, East Anchorage High School, Grade 11
- Noele Shepard-Walunga, Dimond High School, Grade 10
- Emily Timmins, Family Partnership Charter School, Grade 9

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- Brandon Williams, Grade 10
- Kazoua Vang, East Anchorage High School, Grade 11; and

WHEREAS, West Anchorage High School senior Regan Fitzgerald collected money to provide more than 200 diapers and pacifiers and more than 100 toys for children living at the Clare House, a temporary shelter for abused women and their children; and plans to continue raising funds and awareness to support this project; and

WHEREAS, for her efforts, Regan Fitzgerald will receive a Bronze Medallion as a 2012 Prudential *Spirit of Community* Award Distinguished Finalist for Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the Anchorage Municipal Assembly joins in celebrating these distinguished Anchorage students, who demonstrate an unwavering commitment to improving the quality of life for all residents and serve as harbingers of a bright future within the Municipality of Anchorage;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Anchorage Assembly congratulates Alaska's 2012 Prudential Spirit of Community Award recipient and graduates of Alaska's 2012 Points of Light Youth Leadership Institute, and applauds Prudential Jack White Vista Realty, Alaska Salvation Army, and the UAA Trio Program for their support of Anchorage youth leadership and student volunteerism.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 27/2 day of _______, 2012.

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ATTEST:

Municipal Clerk