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### SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 248

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*Commending Moira Callahan.*

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WHEREAS, Moira Callahan, a junior at Chancellor High School, has achieved national recognition for exemplary volunteer service by being named a 2008 Prudential Spirit of Community Award finalist; and

WHEREAS, this prestigious award, presented by Prudential Financial in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals, honors young volunteers across America who have demonstrated an extraordinary commitment to serving their communities; and

WHEREAS, Moira Callahan collected, emptied, and dried nearly 15,000 used tea bags for a South African company that provides greatly needed jobs to residents of an impoverished township; and

WHEREAS, South African workers paint ethnic designs on the teabags, which are then incorporated into greeting cards, notebooks, and other products sold at the local marketplace; and

WHEREAS, Moira Callahan traveled to a South African township on a volunteer trip, personally delivered the teabags, and had an opportunity to interact with the workers and other townspeople; and

WHEREAS, Moira Callahan's achievement is a great example of how a young person can take an idea and make a huge impact on the lives of others; and

WHEREAS, the success of the Commonwealth of Virginia, the strength of its communities, and the overall vitality of American society depend, in great measure, upon the dedication of young people like Moira Callahan who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend and congratulate Moira Callahan as a finalist in the Prudential Spirit of Community Award program; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Moira Callahan as an expression of the General Assembly's gratitude for her outstanding record of volunteer service, peer leadership, and community spirit and her efforts to improve the quality of life of the citizens of South Africa.

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