By: Paxton H.R. No. 659

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Zachary Albert, an esteemed resident of Allen, has recently been named a Distinguished Finalist for a 2003 Prudential Spirit of Community Award for his exemplary volunteer service; and WHEREAS, This prestigious award, presented by Prudential Financial in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals, honors young volunteers from across America who have demonstrated an extraordinary commitment to serving their communities; and WHEREAS, A student at Allen High School, Mr. Albert earned

this well-deserved honor for giving generously of his time and energy to the Dallas Holocaust Memorial Center over the course of the past 2-1/2 years; during his service to the center, he has been instrumental in raising more than \$100,000 to establish a video room to help preserve the memories of an aging community of Holocaust survivors; and

WHEREAS, Perhaps his most ambitious endeavor in behalf of the center was to travel to London to acquire a 200-year-old Czech Torah that was stolen by the Nazis in World War II; Mr. Albert raised the money to fund his trip by hosting a "Board Break-a-thon," during which he drew on his skills in the martial arts to break 36 boards in one day; and

WHEREAS, The hard work and dedication of this remarkable young man are truly commendable, for he has vividly demonstrated through his actions what a tremendous difference one person can

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- 1 make to positively affect the lives of others; now, therefore, be it
- 2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
- 3 Legislature hereby congratulate Zachary Albert on being named a
- 4 Distinguished Finalist for a 2003 Prudential Spirit of Community
- 5 Award and extend to him sincere best wishes for continued success
- 6 and happiness; and, be it further
- 7 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 8 prepared for Mr. Albert as an expression of high regard by the Texas
- 9 House of Representatives.