

By: Taylor

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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Grace DeForde, an eighth-grade student at  
2 Friendswood Junior High School, has been selected to receive a 2005  
3 Prudential Spirit of Community Award in recognition of her  
4 exemplary volunteer efforts; and

5           WHEREAS, Sponsored by Prudential Financial in partnership  
6 with the National Association of Secondary School Principals, these  
7 awards honor a middle school and high school youth from each state  
8 for outstanding acts of volunteerism; this year, more than 20,000  
9 students nationwide were considered for these awards, and honorees  
10 received \$1,000, an engraved silver medallion, and a trip to  
11 Washington, D.C., where 10 are to be named America's top youth  
12 volunteers for 2005; and

13           WHEREAS, Ms. DeForde, who was diagnosed with a bleeding  
14 problem at the age of seven, has sought to raise public awareness  
15 about health issues; she developed an idea to give out backpacks and  
16 hip packs with pharmaceutical samples and pillows with an  
17 embroidered logo on them; and

18           WHEREAS, The future of the State of Texas, the strength of our  
19 communities, and the overall vitality of American society depend,  
20 in great measure, on the dedication of young people who, like Ms.  
21 DeForde, use their considerable talents and resources to serve  
22 others; now, therefore, be it

23           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas  
24 Legislature hereby congratulate Grace DeForde for receiving a

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1 Prudential Spirit of Community Award and extend to her sincere best  
2 wishes for the future; and, be it further

3       RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
4 prepared for Ms. DeForde as an expression of high regard by the  
5 Texas House of Representatives.