

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Given Kachepa, a resident of Colleyville and a  
2 student of Grapevine High School, has been selected to receive a  
3 2005 Prudential Spirit of Community Award in recognition of his  
4 exemplary volunteer efforts; and

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

13           WHEREAS, Mr. Kachepa, who fell victim to the malevolence of  
14 modern-day human traffickers in his native Zambia, has become an  
15 effective advocate for victims of human trafficking; he has  
16 determinedly sought to raise public awareness through interviews  
17 with the news media and by sharing his horrific experiences at  
18 conferences and seminars and with local and national law  
19 enforcement agencies; and

20           WHEREAS, This resolute young man has also worked in support  
21 of legislation that facilitates the prosecution of traffickers;  
22 during the 78th Regular Session of the Texas Legislature, he  
23 testified before the House Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence, and  
24 his moving personal account helped to secure the passage of a

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1 strengthened state law relating to human trafficking and forced  
2 labor in the State of Texas; and

3 WHEREAS, The future of the State of Texas, the strength of our  
4 communities, and the overall vitality of American society depend,  
5 in great measure, on the dedication of young people who, like Mr.  
6 Kachepa, use their considerable talents and resources to serve  
7 others; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas  
9 Legislature hereby congratulate Given Kachepa for receiving a  
10 Prudential Spirit of Community Award and extend to him sincere best  
11 wishes for the future; and, be it further

12 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
13 prepared for Mr. Kachepa as an expression of high regard by the  
14 Texas House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 883 was adopted by the House on April 7, 2005, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House