

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 546

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Joseph Lewright of Austin for being honored with a Daily Point of Light Award from the Points of Light Foundation; and

WHEREAS, The Daily Point of Light Award honors individuals and volunteer groups that have made a commitment to connect Americans through service to help meet critical needs in their communities; and

WHEREAS, In 2002, Joe began participating in Akzo Nobel's National Benevolence Program and persuaded Ellis and Salazar Body Shop to participate too; the program encourages a body shop to repair a damaged vehicle and donate it to a needy family; Joe expanded on the idea by asking vendors to donate or discount the automobile parts; and

WHEREAS, Joe also worked with Head Start's Child, Incorporated, to find a deserving family to receive the vehicle; he included the family's children in the presentation ceremony by giving Christmas presents to them as well; and

WHEREAS, Joe challenged other establishments to donate their efforts and convinced five more body shops in Austin to take part in this exemplary program; his generous heart and tireless efforts have enriched many lives; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 79th Legislature, hereby commend Joe Lewright for his tireless efforts for the betterment of his community and congratulate him for being selected for a Daily Point of Light Award; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for him as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

Barrientos

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on April 5, 2005.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate