

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Eighth-grader Anna DeSanctis of Holy Spirit  
2 Episcopal School in Houston has received a 2007 Prudential Spirit  
3 of Community Award, one of two such awards in the state of Texas;  
4 and

5           WHEREAS, Now 13, Ms. DeSanctis was born in China and adopted  
6 as a baby; when she learned that most orphanages in China do not  
7 have libraries, she was saddened to think that the children in these  
8 institutions would not have access to the books essential to an  
9 understanding of the world; and

10           WHEREAS, Ms. DeSanctis decided to raise \$2,000 for a library  
11 for one orphanage, asking for cash donations instead of birthday  
12 presents, hosting a school dance to raise funds, and contributing  
13 her own allowance for a year; she also asked her grandparents to ask  
14 their friends to contribute; and

15           WHEREAS, Within a year and a half, Ms. DeSanctis had raised  
16 over \$22,000; working with two social welfare organizations in  
17 China, she was able to start libraries in four orphanages and to  
18 fund water wells in two villages; and

19           WHEREAS, The Spirit of Community Awards sponsored by  
20 Prudential Financial and the National Association of Secondary  
21 School Principals honor young people in middle school and high  
22 school for outstanding volunteer service; students are chosen at  
23 the local, state, and national levels, and more than 70,000 young  
24 volunteers have been honored in the 11 years of the program; and

1           WHEREAS, This outstanding young woman has demonstrated great  
2 compassion, initiative, and determination in pursuit of a noble and  
3 selfless goal; she is an inspiration to all and is justly deserving  
4 of special commendation; now, therefore, be it

5           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas  
6 Legislature hereby congratulate Anna DeSanctis on winning a 2007  
7 Prudential Spirit of Community Award and extend to her best wishes  
8 for a bright and successful future; and, be it further

9           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
10 prepared for Ms. DeSanctis as an expression of high regard from the  
11 Texas House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 708

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 708 was adopted by the House on March 22, 2007, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House