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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.