R E S O L U T I O N

1   WHEREAS, Hailey Hodgkiss of Irving has been named a
2 Distinguished Finalist by the 2009 Prudential Spirit of Community
3 Awards program, becoming one of only 10 finalists in the State of
4 Texas; and
5   WHEREAS, Sponsored by Prudential Financial and the National
6 Association of Secondary School Principals, the Spirit of Community
7 Awards honor young people in middle school and high school for
8 outstanding volunteer service; students are chosen at the local,
9 state, and national levels, and more than 80,000 young volunteers
10 have been honored in the 13 years of the program; and
11   WHEREAS, A 16-year-old sophomore at Irving High School,
12 Ms. Hodgkiss collected money and products to create gift bags for
13 teenage cancer patients at a local hospital; having undergone
14 lengthy treatments for leukemia herself, Ms. Hodgkiss understood
15 the boredom and despair often felt by a young person with cancer;
16 the gift bags included soft caps crocheted by Ms. Hodgkiss as well
17 as games, pillow cases, gift cards, and other personal items
18 intended to bolster a young patient's spirits; and
19   WHEREAS, This compassionate young woman has demonstrated
20 great initiative and determination in pursuit of a selfless goal,
21 and she is an inspiration to all who know her; now, therefore, be it
22   RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
23 Legislature hereby congratulate Hailey Hodgkiss on being named a
24 Distinguished Finalist by the 2009 Prudential Spirit of Community

1 Awards program and extend to her sincere best wishes for a bright

2 future; and, be it further

3   RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be

4 prepared for Ms. Hodgkiss as an expression of high regard by the

5 Texas House of Representatives.

Harper-Brown

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 843 was adopted by the House on March 26, 2009, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House