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H.R. No. 2282

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Jean Paul Destarac of Tyler is one of only 10
2 students in the Lone Star State to be named a Distinguished Finalist
3 in the 2009 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program; and

4 WHEREAS, Sponsored by Prudential Financial and the National
5 Association of Secondary School Principals, the Spirit of Community
6 Awards honor young people in middle school and high school for
7 outstanding volunteer service; students are chosen at the local,
8 state, and national levels, and more than 80,000 students have been
9 honored in the 13 years of the program; and

10 WHEREAS, A 17-year-old senior at Bishop T. K. Gorman Catholic
11 High School, Mr. Destarac was recognized for raising \$45,000 to
12 help a cancer-stricken boy in Guatemala pay for chemotherapy
13 treatment; he gathered the funds by soliciting donations and by
14 selling copies of a CD he recorded that features his saxophone
15 playing; he has since recorded a second CD to benefit other children
16 in the Central American nation; and

17 WHEREAS, This compassionate young Texan has demonstrated
18 great initiative and determination in pursuit of a selfless goal,
19 and he is indeed an inspiration to all who know him; now, therefore,
20 be it

21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
22 Legislature hereby congratulate Jean Paul Destarac on being named a
23 Distinguished Finalist in the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards
24 program and extend to him sincere best wishes for continued

1 success; and, be it further

2 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
3 prepared for Mr. Destarac as an expression of high regard by the
4 Texas House of Representatives.