

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 398

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Jean Paul Destarac of Tyler, who has been named one of the top youth volunteers in Texas for 2009 and a Distinguished Finalist by the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program; and

WHEREAS, Prudential Financial, in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals, presents these awards annually to honor young people across the nation for outstanding volunteerism and community service; now in its 14th year, the program is the country's largest youth recognition program based on volunteer service; and

WHEREAS, A senior at Bishop T.K. Gorman Catholic High School, Jean Paul raised \$45,000 to pay for chemotherapy for a boy in Guatemala who has cancer by selling a compact disc of his saxophone playing and by soliciting donations; he has since made a second compact disc and plans to donate the proceeds of its sales to a Guatemalan hospital to pay for treatment for children who cannot afford care; and

WHEREAS, The success and vitality of our communities, our state, and our American society depend in great measure upon the dedication of young people like Jean Paul, who use their time and talents to serve others; and

WHEREAS, Jean Paul has shown by his example that he personifies the true spirit of giving to the community; he is truly deserving of congratulations on receiving this prestigious honor; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 81st Legislature, hereby commend Jean Paul Destarac for his commitment to service and volunteerism in his community and extend to him best wishes in all his future endeavors; and, be it further

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

Nichols

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 10, 2009.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate