

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 499

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Sydney Drain of Spring, 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 Klein Collins High School, Sydney created and sold T-shirts, raising \$30,000 to drill 30 clean-water wells in Sudan; she accomplished this in only six weeks by selling her T-shirts through her church and several schools, and she donated the proceeds to Water is Basic, an organization that develops water resources for Sudanese villages; 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 Sydney, who use their time and talents to serve others; and

**WHEREAS**, Sydney has shown by her example that she personifies the true spirit of giving to the community; she 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 Sydney Drain for her commitment to service and volunteerism in her community and extend to her best wishes in all her future endeavors; and, be it further

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

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the  
above Resolution was adopted by  
the Senate on April 23, 2009.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate