

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 286

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Jack Barker of Coppell, who has been named one of the top youth volunteers in Texas for 2011 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 16th year, the program is the country's largest youth recognition program based on volunteer service; and

**WHEREAS**, A seventh-grader at Coppell Middle School West, Jack drew on his own experience during treatments for leukemia to come up with the idea for "Jack's Closet," which he stocked with "Snuggie" fleece blankets to distribute to children undergoing treatments for cancer; he secured donations to support the project and was able to gain the cooperation of the blanket manufacturer, who also contributed to this worthy effort; 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 Jack, who use their time and talents to serve others; and

**WHEREAS**, Jack 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, 82nd Legislature, hereby commend Jack Barker 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.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on February 17, 2011.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate