

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 477

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Sharon Li of Manvel, who has been named one of the top youth volunteers in Texas for 2011 in the 16th annual Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program; and

WHEREAS, These prestigious awards honor young people across America for outstanding volunteer service to their communities; the program is conducted by Prudential Financial in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals; and

WHEREAS, Sharon is in the eighth grade at Berry Miller Junior High School; she founded a nonprofit organization that has raised more than \$20,000 and has collected thousands of donated books, clothing items, and shoes for victims of natural disasters; when she was 10 years old, there was a terrible earthquake in Sichuan, China, and she and her siblings were moved by the plight of the victims to create a newsletter in order to raise awareness about the disaster and collect donations; and

WHEREAS, They presented their donations to several of the victims on a trip to China and have since then expanded their focus, helping people affected by Hurricane Ike in Galveston and building an international network to help them provide disaster relief around the world; and

WHEREAS, They made local presentations and obtained grants to support their efforts, and Sharon continues to encourage the members of her generation to volunteer and participate in service where they can be a force for good; and

WHEREAS, Sharon was nominated for the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards by Berry Miller Junior High School in Pearland; she will receive \$1,000, an engraved silver medallion, and an all-expenses-paid trip in May to Washington, D.C., where she will join the top two honorees from each state; 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 Sharon who use their time and talents to serve others; and

WHEREAS, Sharon has shown by her example that she personifies the true spirit of giving; she is truly deserving of recognition for her dedication to the needs of others; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 82nd Legislature, hereby commend Sharon Li for her commitment to serving others and extend to her congratulations on being named one of Texas' top youth volunteers in the 2011 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for her as an expression of the high regard of the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the
above Resolution was adopted by
the Senate on March 9, 2011.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate