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RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Athena Chen of Carrollton has been named a 2013 2 Distinguished Finalist in the 18th annual Prudential Spirit of 3 Community Awards, thus earning distinction as one of the top youth 4 volunteers in Texas; and

5 WHEREAS, Sponsored by Prudential Financial and the National 6 Association of Secondary School Principals, the Spirit of Community 7 Awards honor young people in middle school and high school who have 8 demonstrated an extraordinary commitment to serving their 9 communities, and this year more than 28,000 teens from throughout 10 the country were considered for recognition; and

11 WHEREAS, A 16-year-old junior at Hebron High School, Ms. Chen 12 helped found Paint the World, a program dedicated to teaching art to children in need, including those living in shelters 13 and 14 orphanages; she helped to raise more than \$1,000 to launch the project and worked with friends on its development, making sure 15 that children would be introduced to a variety of genres and media, 16 including sketching, sculpting, acrylic painting, and yarn-making; 17 the high school students who staff Paint the World provide all 18 necessary supplies, set up each four-hour event, and clean up the 19 20 venue afterwards; and

21 WHEREAS, Ms. Chen has demonstrated remarkable initiative and 22 determination in the pursuit of a worthy goal, and this outstanding 23 young Texan is a source of inspiration to all who are privileged to 24 know her; now, therefore, be it

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1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas 2 Legislature hereby congratulate Athena Chen on her selection as a 3 Distinguished Finalist in the 2013 Prudential Spirit of Community 4 Awards and extend to her sincere best wishes for continued success 5 in all her future endeavors; and, be it further

6 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be 7 prepared for Ms. Chen as an expression of high regard by the Texas 8 House of Representatives.

Simmons

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 801 was adopted by the House on March 20, 2013, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House