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H.R. No. 801

R E S O L U T I O N

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
13 children in need, including those living in shelters and
14 orphanages; she helped to raise more than \$1,000 to launch the
15 project and worked with friends on its development, making sure
16 that children would be introduced to a variety of genres and media,
17 including sketching, sculpting, acrylic painting, and yarn-making;
18 the high school students who staff Paint the World provide all
19 necessary supplies, set up each four-hour event, and clean up the
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

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.