

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 331

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Matthew Draeger of Paris, who has been named one of Texas' top two youth volunteers for 2013 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 18th year, the program is the country's largest youth recognition program based solely on volunteer service; and

WHEREAS, A sophomore at Paris High School, Matthew leads a team of students who have together secured donations of approximately 20,000 household and personal items and distributed them to local families in need; and

WHEREAS, In addition to teaching students about community service, Matthew's project has enriched his own life, along with the lives of many underserved residents of Paris, where 24 percent of the population is indigent; 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 Matthew, who use their time and talents to serve others; and

WHEREAS, Matthew has shown by his example that he personifies the true spirit of giving to the community; he is truly deserving of recognition for his dedication to the needs of others; now, therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 83rd Legislature, hereby congratulate Matthew Draeger for being selected as one of our state's top two youth volunteers and extend to him best wishes for success in all his future endeavors; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for him as an expression of high regard 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 March 4, 2013.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate