

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 453

WHEREAS, Madison Albrecht of Boerne and Kaitlyn Dehaven of Canyon Lake received well-deserved recognition for their outstanding volunteerism when they were named 2013 Distinguished Finalists in the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program; and

WHEREAS, Sponsored by Prudential Financial and the National Association of Secondary School Principals, the Spirit of Community Awards honor middle and high school students who have demonstrated an extraordinary commitment to serving their fellow citizens; more than 100,000 young people have been honored by the program at the local, state, and national levels since 1995; and

WHEREAS, Madison Albrecht, a 16-year-old junior at Boerne-Samuel V. Champion High School, launched an initiative known as "Cookies for Soldiers" in 2008 through the Girl Scouts, and she has since raised more than \$21,000 and sent more than 4,000 boxes of Girl Scout cookies to members of the military stationed overseas; with the help of other Girl Scouts, she sends each box with a poem of appreciation for our men and women in uniform; and

WHEREAS, Kaitlyn Dehaven, a 17-year-old senior at Canyon Lake High School, planned and carried out a project to benefit a church in Romania; to that end, she raised more than \$20,000 by hosting dinners and special sales and by soliciting donations, and she used the money to purchase a nine-passenger van for the church; Ms. Dehaven is also a member of the Girl Scouts, and she earned her Girl Scout Gold Award, in part, as a result of her outstanding work on this endeavor; and

WHEREAS, These notable young Texans have displayed great initiative and determination in pursuit of their goals, and they are indeed an inspiration to all who know them; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 83rd Legislature, hereby congratulate Madison Albrecht and Kaitlyn Dehaven on their selection as 2013 Distinguished Finalists in the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program and extend to them sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That official copies of this Resolution be prepared for Ms. Albrecht and Ms. Dehaven as an expression of high regard by the Texas Senate.

Campbell

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 13, 2013.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate