By: Anderson of Dallas

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RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Cullen Corr of Irving has been named one of the top

two youth volunteers in Texas by the 2015 Prudential Spirit of

3 Community Awards program; and

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4 WHEREAS, Sponsored by Prudential Financial and the National

5 Association of Secondary School Principals, the Spirit of Community

6 Awards has worked for two decades to honor young people in middle

7 school and high school who demonstrate an extraordinary commitment

8 to serving their communities; this year, more than 30,000 teens

9 from across the nation were considered for recognition; and

10 WHEREAS, A 16-year-old junior at Episcopal School of Dallas,

11 Mr. Corr founded the nonprofit Kids Helping Kids organization to

benefit children at Family Gateway, a local homeless shelter; when

13 he was in the seventh grade, he started volunteering with his mother

14 and worked to raise money and recruit other students in order to

15 create a "teen room" at the center; this led to the formation of

16 Kids Helping Kids, which helps support youths at the shelter by

17 planning monthly events, hosting weekly tutoring sessions, and

18 offering mentoring services; by organizing collection drives and

19 fund-raisers, Kids Helping Kids has raised more than \$50,000 since

20 its inception three years ago, including over \$20,000 that was used

21 to purchase a 15-passenger van to enable children at Family Gateway

22 to go on educational field trips; and

23 WHEREAS, Cullen Corr has set an inspiring example of

24 resourcefulness, generosity, and civic engagement, and he is to be

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- 1 commended for his exceptional efforts; now, therefore, be it
- 2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
- 3 Legislature hereby congratulate Cullen Corr on his selection as one
- 4 of the top two youth volunteers in Texas by the 2015 Prudential
- 5 Spirit of Community Awards program and extend to him sincere best
- 6 wishes for continued success in all his endeavors; and, be it
- 7 further
- 8 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 9 prepared for Mr. Corr as an expression of high regard by the Texas
- 10 House of Representatives.