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Senate Resolution 201

Sponsored by Senator STEINER HAYWARD; Senators BATES, BOQUIST, STARR, WHITSETT

Whereas Alexander Stork, of Klamath Falls and a senior at Klamath Union High School, and Chloe Staten, of Medford and an eighth grader at Talent Middle School, were named Oregon's top youth volunteers for 2012 by the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards; and

Whereas Noelani Gonzales, of Cornelius and a junior at Glencoe High School, Meghana Kalavar, of Portland and a senior at Jesuit High School, Savannah Loberger, of Hillsboro and a junior at Hillsboro High School, and Zachary Odegard, of Dallas and a freshman at Dallas High School, were recognized as distinguished finalists for the 2012 awards; and

Whereas Alexander Stork won the award for co-founding a youth advisory board that supports and promotes the local activities of the statewide child literacy program, Start Making a Reader Today, and for contributing to two successful community-wide events where Alexander and other board members dressed as superheroes and characters from children's storybooks in order to recruit volunteer readers for the literacy program and to demonstrate to kids how exciting reading can be; and

Whereas Chloe Staten, a surviving cancer patient, won the award for her public service toward children with cancer, for sharing her story on, and fielding calls for, the Children's Miracle Network Radiothon, for organizing special events for hospitalized children, and for raising money for children with cancer and speaking at public events to motivate others to raise money for children with cancer, including at a relay event where she motivated 1,500 children to participate in a fundraiser for a children's hospital; and

Whereas Noelani Gonzales was recognized as a distinguished finalist for assisting victims of the tsunami that devastated Japan in March 2011 by selling T-shirts printed with the logo "Hope for Japan" and donating \$2,000 to Medical Teams International; and

Whereas Meghana Kalavar was recognized as a distinguished finalist for raising over \$5,000 in "Dance For a Cause" to support the building of a school in rural India and for conducting additional drives for school supplies that she delivered in person last summer; and

Whereas Savannah Loberger was recognized as a distinguished finalist for creating a day camp, Girls Get IT (Innovative Technology), an all-girl Science, Technology, Engineering and Math day camp, and for raising \$5,000 in support of that camp; and

Whereas Zachary Odegard was recognized as a distinguished finalist for spending the past four years visiting schools to recruit walkers for the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life and for serving as the youth chair for the relay event; and

Whereas each of these Oregon youths, through their selfless acts of service, has greatly improved the lives of others; and

Whereas their actions and dedication show how young people can make a difference and can inspire other young people to also make a difference; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Oregon:

That we, the members of the Senate of the Seventy-sixth Legislative Assembly, express our gratitude for and recognize, honor and celebrate on behalf of all Oregonians the service of each of these Oregon youths; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be presented to Alexander Stork, Chloe Staten, Noelani Gonzales, Meghana Kalavar, Savannah Loberger and Zachary Odegard.

Adopted by Senate February 24, 2012

Robert Taylor, Secretary of Senate

Peter Courtney, President of Senate