

# Senate Resolution 201

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

## SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Recognizes, honors and celebrates winners of, and distinguished finalists for, 2012 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards.

## SENATE RESOLUTION

1  
2 Whereas Alexander Stork, of Klamath Falls and a senior at Klamath Union High School, and  
3 Chloe Staten, of Medford and an eighth grader at Talent Middle School, were named Oregon's top  
4 youth volunteers for 2012 by the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

30 Whereas Zachary Odegard was recognized as a distinguished finalist for spending the past four  
31 years visiting schools to recruit walkers for the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life and for

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1 serving as the youth chair for the relay event; and

2       Whereas each of these Oregon youths, through their selfless acts of service, has greatly im-  
3 proved the lives of others; and

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

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

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

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

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