

SENATE RESOLUTION
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By Senator Jacobsen

WHEREAS, Alexander Jonlin, a student at Washington Middle School in Seattle, has achieved national recognition for his exemplary volunteer service by receiving a 2007 Prudential Spirit of Community Award; and

WHEREAS, This prestigious award, presented by Prudential Financial in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals, honors young volunteers across America who have demonstrated an extraordinary commitment to their communities; and

WHEREAS, At age 11, Alex vigorously pursued his idea of a State Office of Children's Opinions by collecting over 400 petition signatures and employing the help of his legislator, Senator Ken Jacobsen of the 46th Legislative District, to introduce a bill; and

WHEREAS, Alex successfully lobbied the 2005 Legislature to create the Washington State Legislative Youth Advisory Council, the means by which the youth of Washington State have a voice in government; and

WHEREAS, Being yet excluded from membership in the Council because of his age, he returned to Olympia the following session to change the age requirement and sunset clause, while also contributing as an honorary member of the Council; and

WHEREAS, Alex has demonstrated the persistence, courage, and confidence of someone well beyond his years, and his extraordinary leadership has blazed a trail for the youth of Washington State;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate recognize and thank Alex Jonlin for his dedication, perseverance, and continued service to Washington State; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to Alex Jonlin, the Legislative Youth Advisory Council, and Washington Middle School.