

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 517

WHEREAS, Elizabeth Watkins, the president and founder of Refresh Frisco, received a Governor's Volunteer of the Year Award on April 19, 2023; and

WHEREAS, At the 39th Annual Governor's Volunteer of the Year Awards, honorary chair First Lady Cecilia Abbott recognized 14 individuals from across the Lone Star State who demonstrated an exceptional dedication to serving their communities in 2022; and

WHEREAS, A fitting recipient of this prestigious honor, Ms. Watkins is the founder of Refresh Frisco, a nonprofit organization that provides essential hygiene products to children in need; the organization distributes Refresh Packs, which contain a selection of hygiene supplies, including soap, deodorant, and toothpaste, to students in the Frisco Independent School District; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Watkins recently expanded the program's reach with the establishment of Refresh Little Elm in order to serve students in the Little Elm Independent School District; in the three years since its establishment, Refresh Frisco has provided products to more than 1,400 students, and it earned a Best in Business honor from *Frisco STYLE Magazine* and selection as a Nonprofit Organization of the Year finalist by the Frisco Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Watkins has been a valued resident of Frisco for the past 15 years, and she holds a bachelor's degree in accounting and a master's degree in business administration from Gonzaga University as well as a nonprofit management certificate; and

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WHEREAS, Elizabeth Watkins has made a meaningful difference in the lives of numerous young Texans, and it is a pleasure to join in honoring her for her contributions; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 88th Legislature, hereby congratulate Elizabeth Watkins on receiving a 2023 Governor's Volunteer of the Year Award and extend to her sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this Resolution be prepared for Ms. Watkins as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 4, 2023.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate