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R E S O L U T I O N

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

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

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

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

23 WHEREAS, Ms. Watkins has been a valued resident of Frisco for
24 the past 15 years, and she holds a bachelor's degree in accounting

1 and a master's degree in business administration from Gonzaga
2 University as well as a nonprofit management certificate; and

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

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

10 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
11 prepared for Ms. Watkins as an expression of high regard by the
12 Texas Senate.