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RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Each year the *Star-Telegram* in Arlington honors 2 individuals who have made a significant contribution to the

community with the Star-Telegram Awards Recognizing Service, or

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5 WHEREAS, STARS nominees are chosen on the basis of their

dedication of time, effort, and distinguished service to the people

7 of Tarrant County; and

8 WHEREAS, Brenda and Vern Jackson are the founders of the

Battered Women's Foundation, an organization that has enabled 85 to

90 percent of its participants to begin new lives, free of violence

11 and with newfound courage and pride; the shelter was recently

12 honored with the Northeast Tarrant County's Pat Nimmo Riddle

13 Organization of the Year Award; and

14 WHEREAS, The spirit of service is one of the most ennobling

human traits, and by giving freely of their time and talents for the

16 benefit of others, this inspirational couple has truly earned

17 special recognition; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas

Legislature hereby congratulate the Battered Women's Foundation

20 and founders Brenda and Vern Jackson on receiving a 2003 STARS award

21 and commend them for their noble efforts; and, be it further

22 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be

23 prepared for Mr. and Mrs. Jackson as an expression of high regard by

24 the Texas House of Representatives.