

By: Smith of Tarrant

H.R. No. 899

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Vicki Baum of Euless has been selected to receive  
2 the 2002 Hercules Volunteer Award from United Way of Metropolitan  
3 Tarrant County in recognition of her deep commitment and lasting  
4 contributions to others; and

5 WHEREAS, Most deserving of this auspicious honor, Mrs. Baum  
6 personifies the highest ideals of volunteer achievement in the  
7 realm of human services; and

8 WHEREAS, She serves as vice president of the nonprofit World  
9 Life Foundation (WLF), which she and her husband, Lou, founded in  
10 1991, to provide parents with quick access to life-saving treatment  
11 for their children; the Baums created the foundation following the  
12 birth of their daughter, Catherine; and

13 WHEREAS, Deeply dedicated to helping other families with ill  
14 children connect with the specialists who can help, Mrs. Baum has  
15 become an expert at coordinating the myriad details of  
16 transportation; she communicates with commercial and private  
17 airlines, as well as patients' families, doctors, and hospitals;  
18 since 1991, Mrs. Baum has assisted more than 850 families from  
19 throughout North America with finding the specific help their loved  
20 ones require; and

21 WHEREAS, This remarkable woman faithfully continues to work  
22 in behalf of others while at the same time dealing personally with  
23 the challenges of multiple sclerosis; she lovingly shares her time  
24 and energy with the families who call daily seeking her help, and

1 she offers them all her encouragement and compassion; and

2 WHEREAS, The presence of Vicki Baum has truly been a blessing  
3 in the lives of countless individuals, and her humanitarian efforts  
4 serve as an inspiration to us all; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas  
6 Legislature hereby congratulate Vicki Baum on her receipt of the  
7 2002 Hercules Volunteer Award from United Way of Metropolitan  
8 Tarrant County and extend to her heartfelt best wishes for the  
9 future; and, be it further

10 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
11 prepared for Mrs. Baum as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
12 House of Representatives.