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H.R. No. 28

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, In honor of her sterling devotion to duty,  
2           communications medic Jessica Barnett of Austin was named the 2004  
3           Telecommunicator of the Year by the Texas Department of Health at  
4           the annual Texas Emergency Medical Services Conference; and

5           WHEREAS, The Telecommunicator of the Year award honors an  
6           individual or team who handles a call or system event with a  
7           professionalism and efficiency that allows the first responders on  
8           the scene to give the patient the best care possible; and

9           WHEREAS, While the award is a fitting testament to Ms.  
10          Barnett's exemplary 2-1/2-year tenure with Austin Travis County  
11          EMS, it particularly recognizes her outstanding performance during  
12          a challenging emergency call; and

13          WHEREAS, On April 27, 2004, Ms. Barnett answered a 9-1-1 call  
14          from the neighbor of a woman who had collapsed in the street and had  
15          begun to exhibit symptoms of cardiac arrest; deftly managing this  
16          traumatic situation, Ms. Barnett issued initial instructions to the  
17          caller and monitored the administering of CPR, all the while  
18          providing accurate and frequent updates to the medical teams en  
19          route to the scene and assigning specific tasks to the growing  
20          number of bystanders; and

21          WHEREAS, Ms. Barnett's heroism and exceptional poise under  
22          pressure not only helped to save the life of another, but her quick  
23          and sure response demonstrated a level of expertise and dedication  
24          that has truly earned her the lasting respect and admiration of all

1 Texans; now, therefore, be it

2           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas  
3 Legislature hereby congratulate Jessica Barnett on her receipt of  
4 the 2004 Telecommunicator of the Year award and extend to her  
5 sincere best wishes for continued success with her important work;  
6 and, be it further

7           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
8 prepared for Ms. Barnett as an expression of high regard by the  
9 Texas House of Representatives.