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H.R. No. 1239

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Jan Banta of Wichita Falls has been named Wichitan
2 of the Year by the *Times Record News*; and

3 WHEREAS, This honor was created to pay tribute to individuals
4 who have dedicated themselves to bettering their community; a truly
5 deserving recipient, Mrs. Banta established Hospice of Wichita
6 Falls in the mid-1980s to serve a crucial need for terminally ill
7 patients and their families; and

8 WHEREAS, Starting the facility with only one other paid
9 employee, Mrs. Banta served as its first executive director, and
10 during her outstanding tenure, Hospice cared for nearly 6,000
11 patients; and

12 WHEREAS, Today, nearly a quarter-century later, the
13 institution and its staff of 140 remain committed to helping
14 residents live out their lives in comfort and dignity; moreover,
15 Hospice of Wichita Falls now provides bereavement programs for the
16 general public; these invaluable initiatives are supported by the
17 Tree of Lights campaign, a fund-raiser created by Mrs. Banta that
18 collects at least \$100,000 a year in donations; and

19 WHEREAS, Believing that each stage of human life deserves to
20 be treated with the utmost respect, Jan Banta has made an
21 immeasurable difference in the lives of many North Texas residents,
22 ensuring that they are provided with security, understanding, and
23 compassion at their journey's end; now, therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas

1 Legislature hereby congratulate Jan Banta of Wichita Falls on being
2 named Wichitan of the Year by the *Times Record News* and extend to
3 her sincere best wishes for continued success in all of her
4 endeavors; and, be it further

5 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
6 prepared for Mrs. Banta as an expression of high regard by the Texas
7 House of Representatives.