

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 521**

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Ruby Jewel Bennett, who is being honored with a Community Award from Acres Home Chamber for Business and Economic Development, Incorporated, at its 28th annual Awards Banquet on March 31, 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, The Acres Home Chamber for Business and Economic Development was founded in 1994 to promote the economic vitality of the Acres Homes community; the nonprofit organization provides a variety of programs, seminars, workshops, and professional development opportunities to the community with the goal of helping individuals, small businesses, and entrepreneurs continue on paths to success; and

**WHEREAS**, Each year, the organization hosts an awards banquet to honor area citizens who deserve recognition for their exceptional work on behalf of the Acres Homes community; and

**WHEREAS**, Ruby Bennett was raised in Acres Homes, and she has worked tirelessly to make sure her community remains a clean, safe, and desirable place in which to live and raise a family; known as "The Tire Lady," she collaborated with the City of Houston Solid Waste Department to begin an abandoned tire pick-up service in Acres Homes; her program was so successful, it was adopted in communities throughout Houston; a licensed attorney, she has actively worked to help those in need through her profession and through her civic contributions and her work with the Southern Christian Leadership Conference; and

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**WHEREAS,** A truly exemplary citizen, Ruby Bennett represents the highest ideals of civic engagement, and she can indeed take pride in her outstanding community leadership; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That the Senate of the State of Texas, 85th Legislature, hereby commend Ruby Jewel Bennett for helping to make the Acres Homes community an inviting place in which to live and work and congratulate her on receiving a Community Award from the Acres Home Chamber for Business and Economic Development; and, be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for her as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 29, 2017.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate