

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Hallie Hatthorn, founder of the nonprofit
2 organization Bags of Love, was honored for her commitment to making
3 a difference in the lives of foster children with her receipt of the
4 Commissioner's Award of Excellence from the Texas Department of
5 Family and Protective Services on January 29, 2019; and

6 WHEREAS, A former foster child, Hallie Hatthorn first
7 conceived of the idea for Bags of Love after she began volunteering
8 for Court Appointed Special Advocates; she recalled how she felt
9 when, at seven years old, she was given a trash bag with which to
10 gather her belongings from her home, and she was inspired to do
11 something to help ease the transition of other children into foster
12 care; and

13 WHEREAS, "No Kid Deserves a Trash Bag" went on to become the
14 motto of her organization, which supplies child protective services
15 with durable duffel bags containing several items such as blankets,
16 toiletries, and small Bibles; each bag also features an uplifting
17 Bible verse that has held special meaning to Ms. Hatthorn ever
18 since she was a child; over the past few years, Bags of Love has
19 distributed more than 3,000 bags to communities all across Texas
20 and other states; and

21 WHEREAS, Hallie Hatthorn's efforts have helped bring comfort
22 to young people in times of great need, and it is a privilege to join
23 in honoring this caring Texan, who has set a commendable example
24 through her advocacy for our most vulnerable citizens; now,

1 therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
3 Legislature hereby congratulate Hallie Hatthorn on her receipt of
4 the Commissioner's Award of Excellence from the Texas Department of
5 Family and Protective Services and extend to her sincere best
6 wishes for continued success with her important work; and, be it
7 further

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

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H.R. No. 346

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 346 was adopted by the House on March 13, 2019, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House