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H.R. No. 346

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.