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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Bags of Love, a nonprofit organization based in
2 Lufkin, is performing a valuable service to children who are facing
3 the often traumatic experience of entering foster care; and

4 WHEREAS, The organization was founded by Hallie Hatthorn, a
5 former foster child, to provide a replacement for the trash bags
6 that children are typically given to gather their belongings when
7 being relocated to a foster home; through the help of donations and
8 volunteers, Bags of Love works to supply duffel bags filled with
9 toiletries, toys, blankets, and other items to foster children who
10 may otherwise have very little to call their own; and

11 WHEREAS, Bags of Love is a community partner of the Texas
12 Department of Family and Protective Services, which often relies on
13 donations from various charitable groups and initiatives to ensure
14 the well-being of young victims of abuse and neglect to the fullest
15 extent possible; since 2016, Bags of Love has delivered more than
16 3,000 of its bags to child protective agencies across Texas and
17 other states; and

18 WHEREAS, A simple duffel bag containing care items can be a
19 bright spot for children coping with feelings of loss, insecurity,
20 and uncertainty, and Bags of Love is to be commended for its efforts
21 to provide a measure of comfort to young people who are in great
22 need of our advocacy; now, therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
24 Legislature hereby express support for Bags of Love and its mission

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1 to make transitions easier for children in the care of the Texas
2 Department of Family and Protective Services.