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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, November 27, 2023, marks the 60th wedding
2 anniversary of Dr. Walter Wornardt and Ruth Wornardt of Houston,
3 and this joyous event provides a fitting opportunity to reflect on
4 their rewarding journey together as husband and wife; and

5 WHEREAS, Born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Walter W. Wornardt
6 Jr. received his bachelor's degree in geology from the University
7 of Wisconsin-Madison and went on to earn his doctorate from the
8 Department of Paleontology at the University of California,
9 Berkeley; he began his career in the oil and gas industry with
10 Chevron in San Francisco, where he would meet his future wife; and

11 WHEREAS, The former Ruth Chalmers Prentice, a native of
12 Washington, D.C., attended Bible college for two years and
13 completed her registered nursing degree at Alexandria Hospital
14 School of Nursing; in 1960, she relocated to San Francisco; and

15 WHEREAS, After dating for a few years, Dr. and Mrs. Wornardt
16 rendezvoused in Europe and wed in Gibraltar in 1963; Dr. Wornardt
17 was later employed by the Esso Production Research Company in
18 Houston; from 1977 to 1980, he was a professor of geology at the
19 University of Redlands, and he worked for Ecology Consultants,
20 Incorporated, in Denver, Colorado; the couple settled in Houston in
21 1990, and Mrs. Wornardt worked at the Michael E. DeBakey Department
22 of Veterans Affairs Medical Center until her retirement in 2012,
23 after 35 years in nursing; Dr. Wornardt taught at Rice University
24 and served as president and CEO of Micro-Strat, Incorporated, for

1 four decades; and

2 WHEREAS, The Wornardts have been active congregants of First
3 Presbyterian Church, and they have also been members of
4 professional groups and of such community organizations as the
5 Houston Club and Toastmasters International; moreover, they are
6 both authors, Dr. Wornardt of *The Six-Month Honeymoon* and
7 Mrs. Wornardt of *Calluses on His Knees*, which is about the ministry
8 of her father, Harvey Prentice; and

9 WHEREAS, The six decades of marriage that Dr. and
10 Mrs. Wornardt have shared is eloquent affirmation of the meaning of
11 love and commitment, and their enduring union is an inspiration to
12 all who know them; now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
14 Legislature, 4th Called Session, hereby congratulate Dr. Walter
15 Wornardt and Ruth Wornardt on their 60th wedding anniversary and
16 extend to them sincere best wishes for continued happiness; and, be
17 it further

18 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
19 prepared for Dr. and Mrs. Wornardt as an expression of high regard
20 by the Texas House of Representatives.