

By: Branch

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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, A golden wedding anniversary is truly cause for a  
2 celebration, and on August 4, 2003, Dr. Charles Leon Branch and Mrs.  
3 Sylvia Lee Boswell Branch of San Antonio marked this momentous  
4 milestone in their marriage; and

5           WHEREAS, The couple met in Nashville, Tennessee, while Dr.  
6 Branch, a native of Jackson, Tennessee, was a student at Vanderbilt  
7 University Medical School and the former Sylvia Lee Boswell was  
8 enrolled at Peabody College; they were married on August 4, 1953, in  
9 the bride's hometown of Lakeland, Florida; and

10           WHEREAS, Dr. and Mrs. Branch have exemplified the qualities  
11 of leadership and outstanding citizenship for their five children  
12 and 18 grandchildren, whom they have inspired to achieve success,  
13 and return service to many, in their respective fields of endeavor;  
14 their children and extended family include four sons, Charles L.  
15 Branch, Jr., M.D., chief of neurosurgery at Wake Forest University  
16 Baptist Memorial Hospital, and his wife, Lesa W. Branch, of  
17 Winston-Salem, North Carolina, and their five children, Byron,  
18 Daniel, Leslie, Courtney, and Emily Branch; Warren B. Branch,  
19 D.D.S., past president of the San Antonio Dental Society, of San  
20 Antonio; Daniel H. Branch, Esq., a member of the Texas House of  
21 Representatives and shareholder of Winstead Sechrest Minick P.C.,  
22 and his wife, Stacey S. Branch, of Dallas, and their five children,  
23 Daniel, Spencer, Catherine, Charles, and Sarah Branch; and Alfred  
24 C. Branch, executive vice president of Oklahoma Christian

1 University, and his wife, Judy L. Branch, of Oklahoma City,  
2 Oklahoma, and their two children, Meagan and Lee Branch; and one  
3 daughter, Cynthia Lee Branch Adams, and her husband, Donald F.  
4 Adams, M.D., a prominent San Antonio ophthalmologist, of New  
5 Braunfels, and their six children, Henson, Alexandra, Samantha,  
6 Harrison, Henry, and Sarah Adams; and

7 WHEREAS, Mrs. Branch began her undergraduate education at  
8 Florida Christian College, known today as Florida College, and she  
9 went on to graduate from Peabody College, known today as a part of  
10 Vanderbilt University; throughout her marriage, she has placed her  
11 family at the top of her priority list as a dedicated homemaker,  
12 while also becoming a respected civic leader and community  
13 volunteer; a tireless helper at her children's schools, she served  
14 as president of the PTA at Serna Elementary School, John Nance  
15 Garner Middle School, and Douglas MacArthur High School in San  
16 Antonio's Northeast ISD and has served the greater community as  
17 well as president of the Bexar County Medical Society Auxiliary;  
18 and

19 WHEREAS, Dr. Branch attended Lipscomb College, known today as  
20 Lipscomb University, and graduated from Vanderbilt University and  
21 its medical school; he completed a neurosurgical residency at the  
22 University of Chicago, received a fellowship to Montreal's McGill  
23 University, and began his practice in neurosurgery at the Montreal  
24 Neurological Institute under the service of Dr. Wilder Penfield,  
25 one of North America's leading neurosurgeons at that time; Dr.  
26 Branch was a clinical professor at McGill University and at The  
27 University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio, is widely

1 published on a host of neurological and neurosurgical topics, and  
2 has further distinguished himself as president of the Harvey  
3 Cushing Society and the Society of University Neurosurgeons, and as  
4 vice chair of the board of trustees of Oklahoma Christian  
5 University; and

6 WHEREAS, Throughout a half-century of marriage, the Branches  
7 have made their home in Chicago, Illinois; Montreal, Quebec,  
8 Canada; and San Antonio, where they remain valued members of the  
9 community; the couple are active members of the MacArthur Park  
10 Church of Christ, where Dr. Branch is an elder, teacher, and medical  
11 missionary, and Mrs. Branch is a longtime children's teacher; in  
12 addition, she is an active board member of *The Christian Chronicle*  
13 newspaper, and he is a founder and general partner of the Branch  
14 Ranch holdings in Geronimo; and

15 WHEREAS, Together, Dr. and Mrs. Branch have shared the trials  
16 and triumphs of five decades, and it is a pleasure to join in  
17 honoring their enduring union; now, therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas  
19 Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby congratulate Dr. Charles L.  
20 Branch and Mrs. Sylvia L. Boswell Branch on the joyous occasion of  
21 their 50th wedding anniversary and extend to them sincere best  
22 wishes for continued happiness; and, be it further

23 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
24 prepared for Dr. and Mrs. Branch as an expression of high regard by  
25 the Texas House of Representatives.