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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A 40th anniversary is truly an occasion for  
2 celebration, and on June 20, 2006, Austinites Don and Renate Van  
3 Stone are observing this significant milestone in their marriage;  
4 and

5 WHEREAS, Fate brought the couple together in 1964, at an  
6 American Express branch office in Munich, Germany, the city where  
7 U.S. Army Lieutenant Van Stone was stationed; the young American  
8 officer had gone to the office to discuss a loan, but upon meeting  
9 the charming young German bank teller, he asked her out, thus  
10 beginning a yearlong courtship and a lifetime of happiness; and

11 WHEREAS, Although Mrs. Van Stone shyly claims she never  
12 officially said yes to her young man's proposal of matrimony, the  
13 two exchanged vows on June 20, 1966, in a civil ceremony, followed  
14 by a church wedding on June 25; through the years, the couple have  
15 sustained a fulfilling relationship that has brought them much  
16 delight and has grown in love with each passing year; and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Van Stone have lived around the world,  
18 enthusiastically meeting new people and embracing new cultures in  
19 Africa, Singapore, Belgium, and Australia, until nine years ago  
20 when they settled down and began to call Austin home; and

21 WHEREAS, The Van Stones have experienced life's trials and  
22 triumphs for four decades; they have filled each other's lives with  
23 many happy times and cherished memories and it is indeed a pleasure  
24 to honor them; now, therefore, be it

1           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas  
2   Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby congratulate Don and Renate  
3   Van Stone of Austin on their 40th wedding anniversary, and in their  
4   honor, recognize June 20, 2006, as Don and Renate Van Stone Day;  
5   and, be it further

6           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
7   prepared for Mr. and Mrs. Van Stone as an expression of high regard  
8   by the Texas House of Representatives.