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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, For more than 70 years, the city of Rockwall has been
2 a favored destination for couples seeking to be united in marriage;
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4 WHEREAS, Located in North Texas, just east of Dallas,
5 Rockwall originally won the favor of those getting married because
6 of the helpfulness of local doctors and public officials; until
7 1954, marriage licenses were issued in that community 24 hours a
8 day, seven days a week; and

9 WHEREAS, At one time, licenses sold at night outnumbered
10 those sold during the day by a ratio of about two to one;
11 accommodating couples after hours were a night watchman at the
12 courthouse, who doubled as a deputy county clerk, and the justice of
13 the peace, who sometimes married 15 couples over the course of a
14 single night; and

15 WHEREAS, Today, Rockwall continues to offer those being wed
16 the warmest of welcomes; from the helpful staff in the county
17 clerk's office to the large choice of wedding venues, the city
18 remains a place imbued with a tradition of support for those
19 embarking on that extraordinary journey; and

20 WHEREAS, Residents of Rockwall cherish the institution of
21 marriage and the deep joys of family life, and they take pride in
22 the role their community has played in uniting the hearts and lives
23 of thousands of Texans; now, therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas

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1 Legislature hereby recognize the community of Rockwall for its rich
2 history as a favorite setting for weddings in the Lone Star State.