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H.R. No. 2154

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Grace A. Chen and Alvin Nemenó Alvarez are to be
2 congratulated on their engagement and forthcoming marriage; and

3 WHEREAS, The couple will begin their journey as husband and
4 wife with the exchange of their wedding vows on July 23, 2005, in a
5 ceremony held at the Lucie Stern Community Center in Palo Alto,
6 California, after which they will make their home in Brisbane,
7 California; and

8 WHEREAS, Working toward a doctorate in counseling psychology
9 from The University of Texas at Austin, Ms. Chen anticipates an
10 August 2005 graduation; she completed her predoctoral internship at
11 the University of Maryland at College Park Counseling Center and
12 her practicum in individual therapy at the Southwestern University
13 Counseling and Mental Health Center; furthermore, this exceptional
14 student was a volunteer therapist at the Sunrise Center, a
15 community mental health agency for immigrants, refugees, asylum
16 seekers, and low-income clients; and

17 WHEREAS, Ms. Chen graduated magna cum laude with a bachelor's
18 degree in psychology from Duke University and received a master's
19 degree in counseling psychology from The University of Texas at
20 Austin; and

21 WHEREAS, Dr. Alvarez holds the position of associate chair of
22 the department of counseling at San Francisco State University,
23 where his responsibilities include coordinating the counseling
24 program and serving as an instructor, academic advisor, and

1 clinical supervisor; over the course of his employment with the
2 university, which began in 1997, he has been an assistant professor
3 and an associate professor as well as acting student discipline
4 officer; his professional career has also included tenure as an
5 instructor in the Asian American Studies Program at the University
6 of Pennsylvania; and

7 WHEREAS, Dr. Alvarez's impressive education includes a
8 doctorate and a master's degree in counseling psychology from the
9 University of Maryland at College Park; he also received a
10 bachelor's degree in biological sciences and a bachelor's degree
11 with honors in psychology from the University of California at
12 Irvine; and

13 WHEREAS, Ms. Chen and Dr. Alvarez are most deserving of
14 special recognition as they formally commit their lives to each
15 other and prepare for the myriad blessings and challenges of
16 marriage; now, therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
18 Legislature hereby congratulate Grace A. Chen and Alvin Nemeno
19 Alvarez on their engagement and forthcoming marriage and extend to
20 them best wishes for a lifetime of happiness together; and, be it
21 further

22 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
23 prepared for the couple as an expression of high regard by the Texas
24 House of Representatives.