

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 729

WHEREAS, When they were married many years ago, Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Abdalla, Jr., placed great faith and trust in the future, and they have been amply rewarded, as they are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on May 14; and

WHEREAS, Abraham Abdalla, Jr., was born on April 3, 1928, in DeQuincy, Louisiana; after the death of his father and the remarriage of his mother three years later, his family moved to Houston; he graduated from Jefferson Davis High School and served in the United States Marine Corps before attending the University of Houston, where he earned a mechanical engineering degree; and

WHEREAS, Connie Murphey was born on September 19, 1932, in Monroe, Louisiana, and moved with her family to Beeville, then to Carthage, where she graduated from high school; she earned a degree in foods and nutrition and institutional management from Texas State College for Women and moved to Houston to complete a dietetic internship at the Veterans Administration Medical Center; and

WHEREAS, The couple met through friends in 1954 and married in Houston in the chapel at the Veterans Administration Hospital; they have both had successful careers; Abraham worked for a number of companies and retired after a 25-year career with Texas Instruments, Incorporated, where he was a design engineer; and

WHEREAS, After raising her family, Connie returned to work as a registered dietitian for Heights Hospital, where she worked for nine years; she then worked in clinical nutrition for The University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer Center for 17 years; and

WHEREAS, After retiring, Abraham spent time as a real estate investor; he is an accomplished marksman and enjoys fishing and hunting; Connie is active in her community and her church and enjoys cooking and sewing; and

WHEREAS, The world has changed considerably during the years of their marriage, yet Mr. and Mrs. Abdalla have cherished traditional family and moral values; they have raised three children, who with their families are a source of much pride and joy; the families enjoyed vacationing together in Colorado, where they built a cabin; they later built a second cabin in Leona; and

WHEREAS, Abraham and Connie instilled in their children a love for the outdoors and a genuine respect for their country and other people; the long and happy union of this distinguished couple is truly an inspiration to all who know them; now, therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 79th Legislature, hereby extend sincere congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Abdalla, Jr., on their golden wedding anniversary with best wishes for many years of continued happiness; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for this distinguished couple as a memento of this grand occasion.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 2, 2005.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate