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H.R. No. 774

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, To the delight of all who know them, Stephen Cody
2 Terry and Kendra Michelle Payne have become engaged to be married;
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4 WHEREAS, Mr. Terry and Ms. Payne first met during a Christian
5 band concert at a Longview church on September 16, 2006; they began
6 dating, with the blessing of Kendra's father, on Christmas Eve,
7 2006, and with the blessing of her parents, became engaged on the
8 floor of the Texas House of Representatives on March 13, 2007; and

9 WHEREAS, The couple plan to be wed on June 30, 2007, and for
10 their honeymoon, they are taking a Carnival Caribbean cruise to
11 Cozumel, Mexico, the Cayman Islands, and Montego Bay, Jamaica; and

12 WHEREAS, Cody Terry was born on September 22, 1980, in
13 Longview and graduated from White Oak High School in 1999; after
14 receiving a degree in political science from The University of
15 Texas at Tyler in 2003, he joined the staff of Representative Tommy
16 Merritt, and since 2004, he has served as district director for
17 Representative Bryan Hughes; and

18 WHEREAS, A native of Ballinger, Ms. Payne was born on May 20,
19 1987, and graduated from East Texas Christian School in Longview in
20 2005; she is presently studying photography at Kilgore College,
21 where she is a member of the Class of 2008; while developing her
22 technical and artistic skills, she works with Meadowbrook Daycare
23 in Kilgore and coaches cheerleading at her alma mater; and

24 WHEREAS, Ms. Payne desires to always be involved in the

1 ministry and the church, and ultimately and most importantly to be a
2 godly wife to her husband and a godly mother to their children; and

3 WHEREAS, Taking to heart the injunction of Luke 12:48, "to
4 whom much is given, much is required," this young couple will be
5 devoted witnesses to their faith in whatever fields of endeavor
6 they may pursue, and it is the sense of this chamber that they will
7 find great joy and fulfillment as they seek to realize their shared
8 dreams and aspirations; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
10 Legislature hereby congratulate Stephen Cody Terry on gaining the
11 hand of his beloved, and extend to Kendra Michelle Payne sincere
12 best wishes for much happiness as she and her fiance prepare to
13 embark on their new life as husband and wife; and, be it further

14 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
15 prepared for Mr. Terry and Ms. Payne as an expression of high regard
16 by the Texas House of Representatives.