

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, An inspiring couple whose lives have been enhanced  
2 by a great and enduring love, Ralph and Carolyn Zerwas of Katy are  
3 celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary on March 4, 2009; and

4           WHEREAS, Ralph Zerwas and the former Carolyn Gray met when  
5 they were next-door neighbors in Muskogee, Oklahoma, in the years  
6 after World War II; Mr. Zerwas was a young army veteran who had  
7 served in the South Pacific and was living with his family after  
8 returning stateside; he and Carolyn began dating, and the two were  
9 married in 1949 in Tulsa, where Mr. Zerwas was studying business on  
10 the G.I. Bill; and

11           WHEREAS, A member of the Oklahoma National Guard, Mr. Zerwas  
12 was returned to active duty as an infantry officer with the outbreak  
13 of the Korean War in the early 1950s; the couple's first child, Mary  
14 Ann, was born while he was on his way to Korea, but Mrs. Zerwas  
15 helped keep the family connected by placing a picture of her husband  
16 in the baby's crib; and

17           WHEREAS, After concluding his war service and graduating from  
18 the University of Tulsa, Mr. Zerwas took a job with Gulf Oil Company  
19 while Mrs. Zerwas focused on home life; four additional children,  
20 Ralph, John, James, and Martha, joined the household, and the  
21 family lived in a variety of locations around the country as  
22 Mr. Zerwas took on new career challenges; and

23           WHEREAS, This devoted husband and wife have seen their family  
24 grow ever larger with the passing years, and they now delight in

1 spending time with their 11 grandchildren, John, Emmett, Emily,  
2 Jamie, Haley, Joseph, Brandon, Sherry, Joey, Carolyn, and Katie;  
3 they returned to Muskogee after Mr. Zerwas retired in 1983 and  
4 recently relocated to Katy to be closer to their loved ones; and

5 WHEREAS, While innumerable changes have taken place in the  
6 world during the past six decades, Ralph and Carolyn Zerwas have  
7 remained constant in their commitment to one another, and the  
8 strength of their love has enabled them to meet life's challenges  
9 with grace and optimism; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
11 Legislature hereby congratulate Ralph and Carolyn Zerwas on the  
12 occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary and extend to them  
13 sincere best wishes for continued success and happiness; and, be it  
14 further

15 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
16 prepared for Mr. and Mrs. Zerwas as an expression of high regard by  
17 the Texas House of Representatives.

Zerwas

Straus	Gattis	Menendez
Allen	Geren	Merritt
Alonzo	Giddings	Miklos
Alvarado	Gonzales	Miller of Comal
Anchia	Gonzalez Toureilles	Miller of Erath
Anderson	Guillen	Moody
Aycock	Gutierrez	Morrison
Berman	Hamilton	Naishtat
Bohac	Hancock	Oliveira
Bolton	Hardcastle	Olivo
Bonnen	Harless	Orr
Branch	Harper-Brown	Ortiz, Jr.
Brown of Kaufman	Hartnett	Otto
Brown of Brazos	Heflin	Parker
Burnam	Hernandez	Patrick
Button	Herrero	Paxton
Callegari	Hilderbran	Peña
Castro	Hochberg	Phillips
Chavez	Hodge	Pickett
Chisum	Homer	Pierson
Christian	Hopson	Pitts
Cohen	Howard of Fort Bend	Quintanilla
Coleman	Howard of Travis	Raymond
Cook	Hughes	Riddle
Corte	Hunter	Rios Ybarra
Crabb	Isett	Ritter
Craddick	Jackson	Rodriguez
Creighton	Jones	Rose
Crownover	Keffer	Sheffield
Darby	Kent	Shelton
Davis of Harris	King of Parker	Smith of Tarrant
Davis of Dallas	King of Taylor	Smith of Harris
Deshotel	King of Zavala	Smithee
Driver	Kleinschmidt	Solomons
Dukes	Kolkhorst	Strama
Dunnam	Kuempel	Swinford
Dutton	Laubenberg	Taylor
Edwards	Legler	Thibaut
Eiland	Leibowitz	Thompson
Eissler	Lewis	Truitt
Elkins	Lucio III	Turner of Tarrant
England	Madden	Turner of Harris
Farabee	Maldonado	Vaught
Farias	Mallory Caraway	Veasey
Farrar	Marquez	Villarreal
Fletcher	Martinez	Vo
Flores	Martinez Fischer	Walle
Flynn	McCall	Weber
Frost	McClendon	Woolley
Gallego	McReynolds	Zerwas

H.R. No. 702

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 702 was adopted by the House on March 4, 2009, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House