

By: Zerwas

H.R. No. 702

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.