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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, April 12, 2009, marks the 68th wedding anniversary
2 of Edgar and Elizabeth Brown of Dallas, and this joyous event
3 provides a fitting opportunity to reflect on their memorable
4 journey together as husband and wife; and

5 WHEREAS, Their first date took place in September 1940, when
6 William Edgar Brown, Jr., escorted the former Zuma Bell Elizabeth
7 Way to the Texas State Fair; the pair had met in 1938, at the ice
8 cream shop in Dallas where Miss Way was employed, and a similarity
9 of experiences and aspirations would help to draw them close
10 together; and

11 WHEREAS, Born on October 8, 1920, in Irving and raised in the
12 farming community of Estelle, Mr. Brown developed an appreciation
13 for education as a young boy and graduated at the age of 15 from
14 Irving High School, having never missed a day of school; he went on
15 to attend what was then North Texas Agricultural College, where he
16 studied electrical engineering; and

17 WHEREAS, A native of Grayson County, Elizabeth Way was born
18 on July 21, 1922, and she grew up, like Mr. Brown, in a large family
19 that was engaged in agriculture; she attended high school in
20 Colbert, Oklahoma, during which time she played on a girls' ball
21 team, and she later moved with her family to Dallas; and

22 WHEREAS, Just before Christmas 1940, Mr. Brown proposed to
23 his sweetheart, and the couple were married in Dallas on April 12,
24 1941, in the home of the preacher of Hampton Place Church of Christ;

1 after the United States entered World War II, Edgar Brown
2 volunteered for duty with the U.S. Navy, and he worked in the area
3 of radio technology and electronics until his discharge in 1946;
4 following Mr. Brown's return to civilian life, he and Mrs. Brown
5 moved to Dallas, where they raised their three beloved children,
6 Kaye, Gail, and Bill, and established a successful sound-equipment
7 business; and

8 WHEREAS, Sustained and inspired by their deep faith, the
9 Browns are valued members of Cockrell Hill Church of Christ in
10 Dallas; their lives continue to be enriched as well by their
11 close-knit family, which now includes four grandchildren and five
12 great-grandchildren; and

13 WHEREAS, The 68 years of marriage that Mr. and Mrs. Brown have
14 shared is eloquent affirmation of the meaning of love and
15 commitment, and their enduring union is an inspiration to all who
16 know them; now, therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
18 Legislature hereby congratulate Edgar and Elizabeth Brown on the
19 occasion of their 68th wedding anniversary and extend to them
20 sincere best wishes for continued happiness; and, be it further

21 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
22 prepared for Mr. and Mrs. Brown as an expression of high regard by
23 the Texas House of Representatives.