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H.R. No. 1283

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A 50th wedding anniversary marks a lifetime of love
2 and shared experiences, and Charles and Gwen Swearngen of Hurst
3 celebrated this joyous milestone in their marriage on January 10,
4 2009; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Swearngen met while they were
6 attending Texas Christian University, and two years later the
7 college sweethearts were joined in matrimony at a ceremony held at
8 University Baptist Church; through the years, they have nurtured a
9 fulfilling marriage and delight in their treasured family, which
10 includes two daughters, Charlene Fitzgerald and her husband, C. J.,
11 and Rachael Cox and her husband, Jon, as well as four grandchildren,
12 J. T., David, Elizabeth, and Corbet; and

13 WHEREAS, Residents of Hurst for 47 years and active
14 congregants of First Methodist Church, Mr. and Mrs. Swearngen are
15 both retired; Mrs. Swearngen enjoyed a career with the Birdville
16 Independent School District, while Mr. Swearngen worked for
17 Lockheed Martin; since 1983, Mr. Swearngen has served as a city
18 council member, and he chairs the Finance and Investment Committee;
19 he also served on the city's parks and recreation board for 18 years
20 and is affiliated with the city's Crime Control District board of
21 directors, the North Central Texas Council of Governments Resource
22 Conservation Council, and the Hurst-Euless-Bedford Chamber of
23 Commerce; and

24 WHEREAS, This devoted couple have shared five decades of

1 abiding love and affection for one another, and they are among an
2 exceptional group of men and women who can claim such a lasting
3 commitment; now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
5 Legislature hereby congratulate Charles and Gwen Swearngen on
6 their 50th wedding anniversary and extend to them sincere best
7 wishes for continued happiness; and, be it further

8 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
9 prepared for Mr. and Mrs. Swearngen as an expression of high regard
10 by the Texas House of Representatives.