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H.R. No. 537

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, February 16, 2011, marked the 68th wedding
2 anniversary of Ray and Euna Rugg of Canton, and this joyous event
3 provides a fitting opportunity to reflect on their memorable
4 journey together as husband and wife; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Rugg grew up in farming communities in
6 northeastern Louisiana; Mr. Rugg first spied his future wife on
7 stage at school with her class and told a classmate he was going to
8 marry "that girl"; despite waiting a year to speak to her, he did
9 indeed marry her in 1943; and

10 WHEREAS, Through the years, Mr. and Mrs. Rugg were blessed
11 with a treasured family that includes four sons, Charles, Wally,
12 Philip, and John, as well as five foster sons; they have been
13 further blessed with 14 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Rugg served in Europe with the U.S. Army,
16 clearing mines in Germany, Belgium, and France, and after his
17 return home, he worked for a carbon plant, for the post office, and
18 as a baseball umpire; Mrs. Rugg drove a school bus for three
19 decades; and

20 WHEREAS, Active members of the Church of Jesus Christ of
21 Latter-day Saints, Mr. and Mrs. Rugg have served as missionaries in
22 Virginia, Illinois, Utah, and Arizona; Mrs. Rugg has been a
23 four-time president of her church's women's organization, and both
24 have coached church softball teams; and

1 WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Rugg were likewise active in sports for
2 many years; Mr. Rugg coached minor league, Little League, and Dixie
3 Senior League baseball, leading a number of teams in championship
4 seasons; Mrs. Rugg was a Little League coach for six years and an
5 umpire for eight years; she played softball herself until the age of
6 73, and she and Mr. Rugg continue to participate in league bowling;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, The 68 years of marriage that Mr. and Mrs. Rugg have
9 shared is eloquent affirmation of the meaning of love and
10 commitment, and their enduring union is an inspiration to all who
11 know them; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
13 Legislature hereby congratulate Ray and Euna Rugg on their 68th
14 wedding anniversary and extend to them sincere best wishes for
15 continued happiness; and, be it further

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