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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, Chester and Mildred Smith of Burleson
3 celebrated their 71st wedding anniversary on February 11, 2011; and

4 WHEREAS, Chester Claude Smith and the former Mildred Agnes
5 Sweatman were joined in matrimony at a ceremony held in Benton,
6 Arkansas, in 1940; they have been blessed with two sons, Chester
7 Lewis Smith and his wife, Linda, and Donald Claude Smith and his
8 wife, Sherry, and their grandchildren include Dorinda McCoy and her
9 husband, Tony, Taylor Smith, Katherine Daley and her husband,
10 Nathan, Thomas Smith and his wife, Crystal, and the late Chad Smith;
11 with the passing years, Mr. and Mrs. Smith have shared in the
12 pleasure of welcoming into their family five great-grandchildren,
13 Amy Kimbrell and her husband, Quinn, Christopher McCoy, Miles
14 Daley, Maeve Daley, and Jackson Smith, and three
15 great-great-grandchildren, Maddie, Maddix, and McKinsey Kimbrell;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, For the first dozen years of their marriage, the
18 couple lived in Little Rock, Arkansas; they moved to Fort Worth in
19 1952 before settling in Burleson in 1960; Mr. Smith retired in 1982
20 as a switchman with Southwestern Bell Telephone Company and served
21 as the city's first paid fire marshal; Mrs. Smith has been a
22 dedicated homemaker throughout their marriage; and

23 WHEREAS, Inveterate travelers, the couple have visited 46
24 states in the U.S.; they shared a love of square dancing in their

1 younger days, and Mr. Smith has also enjoyed hunting, fishing, and
2 woodworking, while Mrs. Smith's hobbies have included embroidery,
3 crocheting, and knitting; in addition, they are members of the
4 First United Methodist Church of Burleson; they attribute the
5 longevity of their successful relationship to having patience and
6 resolving issues before day's end; and

7 WHEREAS, A 71st wedding anniversary is a celebration of love
8 that has truly stood the test of time, and Chester and Mildred Smith
9 are among an exceptional group of men and women who can claim such a
10 lasting commitment; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
12 Legislature hereby congratulate Chester and Mildred Smith on their
13 71st wedding anniversary and extend to them sincere best wishes for
14 continued happiness; and, be it further

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