

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Edward and Alda Nahas of Plano, Texas, are
2 celebrating a notable milestone on April 30, 2011, as that date
3 marks the 40th anniversary of Mr. Nahas's arrival in the United
4 States; and

5 WHEREAS, The son of Lebanese citizens Gabriel and Mary Nahas,
6 Edward Gabriel Nahas was living with his family in Libya, where his
7 father held a sensitive communications position, when on September
8 1, 1969, a military coup overthrew the government; both foreigners
9 and Christians, Edward Nahas, his parents, and his brothers, Tony
10 and Maurice, were expelled from Libya with just 24 hours' notice and
11 forced to leave behind their friends, home, and livelihoods; after
12 several months of uncertainty, the family received the support of
13 the American Embassy and secured their new home in the United
14 States; and

15 WHEREAS, Alda Butros, the daughter of John and Mary Butros of
16 Beirut, Lebanon, came to the United States in 1975 to marry Edward
17 Nahas; shortly thereafter, her parents and her siblings, Rima and
18 Laurine Butros, lost their home in the turbulence of the Lebanese
19 civil war and joined her in America; and

20 WHEREAS, Settling in Pasadena, California, the Nahas family
21 opened their own service stations, and Edward Nahas registered for
22 the Selective Service, enrolled in the local community college, and
23 took a second job working nights as a crane operator; he then
24 advanced to a sales position in a Los Angeles-based steel company

1 while Mrs. Nahas worked as a coordinator for Walt Disney Studios
2 post-production services; Mr. Nahas became a U.S. citizen in 1977
3 and Mrs. Nahas followed suit in 1984; and

4 WHEREAS, The couple moved to Texas in 1985, and Mrs. Nahas
5 focused on raising their two treasured children, Cynthia Marie and
6 John Mark, as her husband accepted an offer at a home-building
7 company and later founded his own construction enterprise, American
8 Homes; he went on to open a granite import and fabrication business
9 in 2001, and Mrs. Nahas went to work for a hotel management and
10 purchasing company, advancing to become a senior project manager;
11 Mr. and Mrs. Nahas were active during this time in their children's
12 school, church, and extracurricular endeavors, including youth
13 soccer, and they also helped create a crime watch program in their
14 neighborhood; in addition, Mr. Nahas volunteered to assist local
15 law enforcement in antiterrorism investigations; and

16 WHEREAS, This inspiring pair experienced the joy of seeing
17 their children graduate from The University of Texas at Austin;
18 continuing her education, their daughter, Cynthia, earned a degree
19 from the UT School of Law, while their son, John Mark, earned a
20 master's degree in real estate development from the University of
21 Southern California; and

22 WHEREAS, Edward and Alda Nahas appreciated the value of their
23 newfound life and liberty and capitalized on every opportunity to
24 attain success and happiness for their family, and their hard work
25 and perseverance in pursuit of these goals are truly worthy of
26 recognition; now, therefore, be it

27 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas

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1 Legislature hereby commemorate the 40th anniversary of Mr. Nahas's
2 immigration to the United States and extend to Edward and Alda Nahas
3 sincere best wishes for continued success and happiness; and, be it
4 further

5 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
6 prepared for Mr. and Mrs. Nahas as an expression of high regard by
7 the Texas House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1443 was adopted by the House on April 29, 2011, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House