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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, June 11, 2011, marks the 50th wedding anniversary of
2 David and Caroline Pierce of Houston, and this joyous event
3 provides a fitting opportunity to reflect on their memorable
4 journey together as husband and wife; and

5 WHEREAS, David Pierce and the former Caroline Ridling met in
6 1959 as seniors at the University of Oklahoma; immediately after
7 their graduation in 1961, they were joined in matrimony at a
8 ceremony held in the bride's hometown of Ada, Oklahoma; through the
9 years, the couple have been blessed with a treasured family that
10 includes two sons, David and Robert, and six grandchildren, Ellery,
11 Luc, Kendall, Kyle, Kaitlyn, and Kamren; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Pierce grew up in Velma, Oklahoma, and he played
13 baseball and participated in ROTC at OU; after receiving his
14 commission as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army, he was stationed
15 at Fort Hood; he later earned a master's degree and Ph.D. in civil
16 engineering from The University of Texas at Austin; he currently
17 serves as an independent consultant to oil and gas companies; and

18 WHEREAS, Mrs. Pierce holds a master's degree from UT, and she
19 was employed at the school's counseling institute; active in her
20 community, she has volunteered for the Texas Medical Center and the
21 Assistance League of Houston; she has also worked on numerous
22 political campaigns and attended five national Republican
23 conventions, and she holds membership in the Magic Circle
24 Republican Women's Club; moreover, she and her husband have

1 volunteered on presidential campaigns and attended inaugurals for
2 Presidents Reagan and Bush; and

3 WHEREAS, Residents of Houston since 1968, the couple have
4 traveled extensively and have visited 48 countries together; they
5 have also resided for brief periods in England, France, Italy, and
6 Argentina; in their free time, they enjoy playing golf, and they are
7 valued congregants of St. Martin's Episcopal Church, where Mrs.
8 Pierce serves on the Altar Guild; and

9 WHEREAS, The 50 years of marriage that David and Caroline
10 Pierce have shared is eloquent affirmation of the meaning of love
11 and commitment, and their enduring union is an inspiration to all
12 who know them; now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
14 Legislature hereby congratulate David and Caroline Pierce on their
15 golden wedding anniversary and extend to them sincere best wishes
16 for continued happiness; and, be it further

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