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H.R. No. 2174

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, June 4, 2010, marked the 50th wedding anniversary of
2 State Representative Bill Callegari and his wife, Ann; and

3 WHEREAS, Natives of Cottonport, Louisiana, Bill Callegari
4 and the former Ann Roy began dating as sophomores in high school,
5 where he was a star athlete in football, basketball, and track and
6 she was the president of the Pep Cheering Squad; they became engaged
7 during his freshman year at Louisiana State University and married
8 on June 4, 1960, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Cottonport; in the
9 years that followed, they became the proud parents of four
10 children, William "Butch" Callegari, Jr., Robert "Robby"
11 Callegari, Richard "Chip" Callegari, and Cherry Callegari Bull; and

12 WHEREAS, Mrs. Callegari worked to help put her husband
13 through college, and he graduated with a degree in agricultural
14 engineering; his employment with Caterpillar Tractor Company took
15 them to Peoria, Illinois, for several years before family ties drew
16 them to Houston; while employed by Shell Pipeline, Representative
17 Callegari attended the University of Houston at night and completed
18 his master's degree in civil engineering; he started his own
19 environmental firm, AM-TEX Corporation, with the vital assistance
20 of Mrs. Callegari, who contributed her flair for marketing and
21 customer relations while also managing their busy household; and

22 WHEREAS, Growing up in the family business, the Callegari
23 children learned to read water meters and then progressed to such
24 tasks as repairing utility lines and working in the office; this

1 upbringing prepared them well for future success, and today, Butch
2 is an attorney with a corporate practice, Robby owns a consulting
3 firm, CMA Engineering, Cherry is a special education teacher, and
4 Chip is president of his own utility management firm, TNG (The Next
5 Generation) Utility Corporation; and

6 WHEREAS, Representative Callegari sold his business in the
7 mid-1990s but stayed on as president for a few years until his
8 retirement; following two years of traveling, home projects, and
9 raising and showing horses, he accepted a position as president of a
10 national water company and then, in 2000, he decided to enter public
11 service; with Mrs. Callegari lending her support, encouragement,
12 and irresistible charm on the campaign trail, the Katy resident was
13 elected to represent House District 132 in the Texas Legislature;
14 he is currently serving his sixth term, and Mrs. Callegari has
15 become a mentor and friend to the spouses of new legislators; and

16 WHEREAS, In celebration of their golden anniversary, the
17 Callegaris traveled to Europe with their eldest son, Butch,
18 daughter-in-law, Denise (Bordelon), and grandchildren, Will
19 Callegari III, Michael, John, and Elizabeth; their son, Robby,
20 daughter-in-law, Allison (Freeman), and grandchildren, Doug,
21 Emory, and Annie; their only daughter, Cherry, son-in-law, Robert
22 Bull, and grandchildren, Derek, David, and Dylan; and their
23 youngest son, Chip; the devoted couple renewed their vows on that
24 special day in June in St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican;
25 continuing to set an example of strong faith, they attend Mass
26 together every Sunday; and

27 WHEREAS, The more than five decades of marriage that Bill and

1 Ann Callegari have shared is eloquent affirmation of the meaning of
2 love and commitment, and their enduring union is an inspiration to
3 all who know them; now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
5 Legislature hereby congratulate the Honorable Bill Callegari and
6 Ann Callegari on their 50th wedding anniversary and extend to them
7 sincere best wishes for continued happiness; and, be it further

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