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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 and daughters-in-law, David and Annie and Robert
11 and Amy, and six grandchildren, Ellery, Luc, Kendall, Kyle,
12 Kaitlyn, and Kamren; and

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

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

1 Republican Women's Club; moreover, she and her husband have
2 volunteered on presidential campaigns and attended inaugurals for
3 Presidents Reagan and Bush; and

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

10 WHEREAS, Inspired by her many enjoyable trips with the
11 Pierces, State Representative Beverly Woolley penned the following
12 poem to commemorate their travels:

13 London, Paris, the South of France,
14 Jordan, Israel, and all the rest.
15 We've walked, we've climbed, even sailed the sea.
16 We've had great times and many sights did see.
17 However the tale that best to me,
18 Is the way Caroline just won't let things be.
19 She reads, she studies, twiddles and tweaks
20 Instead of ten days, we stayed for three weeks!
21 Caroline always in her most gracious, genteel way
22 Comes up with planning, just one more day.
23 However, a rebellion Caroline did incite
24 When heading back as there was no more light.
25 Our ears did not believe what she did say,
26 "We can make it to another sight if we turn this way."
27 Well the rest of us roared with all our might,

1 "We're going to the bar for the rest of the night!!!"

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

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

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