

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, July 1, 2011, marks the 50th wedding anniversary of  
2 John and Catherine "Kitten" Howard of Austin, and this joyous event  
3 provides a fitting opportunity to reflect on their memorable  
4 journey together as husband and wife; and

5           WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Howard met through mutual friends Jane  
6 and Peter Buchanan at Camp Lejuene, North Carolina, when Mr. Howard  
7 was serving in the U.S. Marine Corps and Mrs. Howard was teaching  
8 high school history; they were joined in matrimony in 1961 at a  
9 ceremony held in Kilmarnock, Virginia; through the years, they have  
10 been blessed with a treasured family that includes two children and  
11 their spouses, John and Ann Howard and Sally and Richard Beggs, as  
12 well as seven grandchildren, Patricia, Susan, and John Howard and  
13 Becky, Emily, Richard, and Elizabeth Beggs; and

14           WHEREAS, A graduate of Cornell University, Mr. Howard enjoyed  
15 a notable career with Chase Manhattan Bank that took his family to  
16 New Jersey, Houston, and Dallas before he retired; Mrs. Howard  
17 graduated from the University of Virginia's Mary Washington College  
18 and is well known in her neighborhood and congregation for baking  
19 cookies, pies, and other treats for every occasion, as well as for  
20 the last-day-of-school ice cream party she hosts each year; and

21           WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Howard have long been active in the  
22 Presbyterian and Methodist churches, their children's schools, and  
23 the Boy and Girl Scouts, and they have also been involved in the Pay  
24 It Forward 9/11 event; in addition to attending their

1 grandchildren's activities, they enjoy traveling, exercising, and  
2 volunteering at Canyon Creek Elementary School; and

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

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

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

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H.R. No. 2609

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2609 was adopted by the House on May 30, 2011, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House