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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.