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RESOLUTION

- 1 WHEREAS, Rodney and Tonya Dean of Terrell celebrated their
- 2 20th wedding anniversary on April 19, 2011, and this joyous
- 3 occasion provides a fitting opportunity to reflect on their
- 4 memorable journey together as husband and wife; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Rodney Dean and the former Tonya Richardson were
- 6 married in a simple ceremony in 1991 in the home of Ms. Richardson's
- 7 parents, the Reverend James and Ida Pearl Richardson, with only six
- 8 people present; this year, they have renewed their vows before
- 9 family and friends in the church they founded and serve as
- 10 co-pastors, Freedom to Worship Gospel Church in Terrell; and
- 11 WHEREAS, In the years between the two ceremonies, Mr. and
- 12 Mrs. Dean have nurtured a fulfilling marriage that has been made
- 13 even richer with the addition of their two daughters, Tonisha and
- 14 Jasmine, with whom they share the many special occasions of life;
- 15 and
- 16 WHEREAS, In addition to their duties as pastors, the couple
- 17 are active in their community; Mr. Dean is a supervisor at the
- 18 Walmart Distribution Center and serves as a member of the Terrell
- 19 Minister's Union and as a volunteer at Terrell High School; a
- 20 psychology graduate of Texas A&M University at Commerce, Mrs. Dean
- 21 is director of financial aid at Southwestern Christian College and
- 22 a member of the boards of the Kaufman County Children's Shelter and
- 23 the Genesis Center for Battered Women and Children; and
- 24 WHEREAS, For two decades, Rodney and Tonya Dean have brought

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- 1 to their marriage devotion, kindness, and a deep religious faith,
- 2 and it is a pleasure to honor them for their enduring commitment;
- 3 now, therefore, be it
- 4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
- 5 Legislature hereby congratulate Rodney and Tonya Dean on their 20th
- 6 wedding anniversary and extend to them sincere best wishes for
- 7 continued happiness; and, be it further
- 8 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 9 prepared for Mr. and Mrs. Dean as an expression of high regard by
- 10 the Texas House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2765 was adopted by the House on May 30, 2011, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House