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H.R. No. 2765

R E S O L U T I O N

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

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.