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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A 25th wedding anniversary is an eloquent
2 affirmation of enduring commitment, and Peter DeWitt Anderson, Jr.,
3 and Leah O'Keefe Anderson of New Braunfels celebrated this special
4 occasion on July 2, 2013; and

5 WHEREAS, "Dee" and Leah Anderson were joined in matrimony in
6 1988 at First United Methodist Church in San Marcos, where the
7 groom's parents had been married 30 years before; the location was
8 especially meaningful because Mr. Anderson's family had donated
9 the chandeliers lighting the sanctuary in memory of his maternal
10 grandmother, Idella Moore Cook; and

11 WHEREAS, The former Leah Tereza O'Keefe first met her future
12 husband and his constant companion, a yellow Labrador retriever
13 named Rocket, at a party in Wimberley hosted by a close friend;
14 months later they fortuitously ran into each other, literally, in
15 New Braunfels while tubing the "Chute" water slide on the Comal
16 River; Rocket happily approved the formation of a trio; and

17 WHEREAS, Mrs. Anderson earned her bachelor's degree in
18 fashion merchandising from Southwest Texas State University in San
19 Marcos and went on to work in retail sales and as an artist's
20 representative; after completing his bachelor's degree in
21 mechanical engineering at The University of Texas at Austin,
22 Mr. Anderson was employed by U.S. Gypsum in New Braunfels and then
23 Birmingham, Alabama; he seized an opportunity to return to Texas,
24 so the couple moved back to New Braunfels, where Mr. Anderson

1 designs industrial expansion joints for Senior Flexonics; and

2 WHEREAS, Over the years, the couple has been blessed with a
3 daughter, Kaitlyn O'Keefe Anderson, and a son, Carter O'Keefe
4 Anderson; these fine children keep their parents in perpetual
5 motion following baseball, football, basketball, and volleyball
6 games, as well as academic and volunteer activities at Cross
7 Lutheran School and Canyon High School; Kaitlyn has also
8 participated in several regional and national leadership
9 conferences for high school students; and

10 WHEREAS, The Andersons are valued members of Christ
11 Presbyterian Church, where they frequently serve in leadership
12 roles and have formed many loyal friendships; in 2012, the family
13 joined a church mission trip to Peru to build a health clinic; after
14 construction was complete, the younger Andersons eagerly tried
15 surfing at a nearby beach, and the family also hiked up to tour the
16 Incan ruins of Machu Picchu; and

17 WHEREAS, Kaitlyn and Carter and grandparents Rita and Pete
18 Anderson of Wimberley treasure their many happy days together, and
19 they especially enjoy spending summer afternoons at the family
20 cabin on Cypress Creek; Mrs. Anderson's relatives regularly visit
21 Central Texas and warmly welcome the couple and their children to
22 their home in Atlanta; and

23 WHEREAS, For a quarter-century, Dee and Leah Anderson have
24 honored their sacred vows to live faithfully as husband and wife,
25 and they happily anticipate many more joyful years ahead; now,
26 therefore, be it

27 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas

1 Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby congratulate Peter DeWitt
2 Anderson, Jr., and Leah O'Keefe Anderson on their 25th wedding
3 anniversary and extend to them sincere best wishes for continued
4 happiness; and, be it further

5 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
6 prepared for Mr. and Mrs. Anderson as an expression of high regard
7 by the Texas House of Representatives.