

By: Branch

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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, A diamond wedding anniversary is truly cause for a  
2 celebration, and on August 4, 2013, Dr. Charles Leon Branch and  
3 Mrs. Sylvia Lee Boswell Branch of San Antonio marked this momentous  
4 milestone in their marriage; and

5           WHEREAS, The couple met in Nashville, Tennessee, while  
6 Dr. Branch, a native of Crockett County, Tennessee, was a student  
7 at Vanderbilt University Medical School and the former Sylvia Lee  
8 Boswell was enrolled at Peabody College; they were married on  
9 August 4, 1953, in the bride's hometown of Lakeland, Florida; and

10           WHEREAS, Dr. and Mrs. Branch have exemplified the qualities  
11 of leadership and outstanding citizenship for their five children,  
12 18 grandchildren, and one great grandchild whom they have inspired  
13 to achieve success, and return service to many, in their respective  
14 fields of endeavor; their children and extended family include four  
15 sons, Charles L. Branch, Jr., M.D., Chief of Neurosurgery at Wake  
16 Forest University Baptist Memorial Hospital, and his wife, Lesa  
17 W. Branch, of Winston-Salem, North Carolina, and their five  
18 children, Byron, Daniel, Leslie, Courtney, and Emily Branch; Warren  
19 B. Branch, D.D.S., 2011 Texas Dentist of the Year and past  
20 president of the San Antonio Dental Society, and his wife Melissa  
21 W. Branch of San Antonio; Daniel H. Branch, Esq., Chairman of the  
22 Committee on Higher Education in the Texas House of Representatives  
23 and shareholder of Winstead P.C., and his wife, Stacey S. Branch,  
24 of Dallas, and their five children, Daniel Jr., Spencer, Catherine,

1 Charles, and Sarah Branch; and Alfred C. Branch, President/CEO of  
2 the Moriah Real Estate Company L.L.C., and his wife, Judy  
3 L. Branch, of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma and Midland, and their two  
4 children, Meagan and Lee Branch; and one daughter, Cynthia Lee  
5 Branch Adams, and her husband, Donald F. Adams, M.D., a prominent  
6 ophthalmologist, of San Antonio, and their six children, Henson,  
7 Alexandra, Samantha, Harrison, Henry, and Sarah Adams; and

8         WHEREAS, Mrs. Branch began her undergraduate education at  
9 Florida Christian College, known today as Florida College, and she  
10 went on to graduate from Peabody College, known today as a part of  
11 Vanderbilt University; throughout her marriage, she has placed her  
12 family at the top of her priority list as a dedicated homemaker  
13 along with her service as a teacher at MacArthur Park Church of  
14 Christ, while also becoming a respected civic leader and community  
15 volunteer; a tireless helper at her children's schools, she served  
16 as president of the PTA at Serna Elementary School, John Nance  
17 Garner Middle School, and Douglas MacArthur High School in San  
18 Antonio's Northeast ISD and has served the greater community as  
19 well as president of the Bexar County Medical Society Auxiliary;  
20 and

21         WHEREAS, Dr. Branch attended Lipscomb College, known today  
22 as Lipscomb University, and graduated from Vanderbilt University  
23 and its medical school; he completed a neurosurgical residency at  
24 the University of Chicago, received a fellowship to Montreal's  
25 McGill University, and began his practice in neurosurgery at the  
26 Montreal Neurological Institute under the service of Dr. Wilder  
27 Penfield, one of North America's leading neurosurgeons at that

1 time; Dr. Branch was a clinical professor at McGill University and  
2 at The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio, and  
3 a distinguished guest lecturer at the University of Texas  
4 Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas, has been widely published on  
5 a host of neurological and neurosurgical topics, and has further  
6 distinguished himself as a member of the Society of University  
7 Neurosurgeons, one of the earliest members of the Harvey Cushing  
8 Society, now known as the American Association of Neurological  
9 Surgeons (AANS), and the recipient of the 2004 AANS Humanitarian  
10 Award for his medical mission work in Nigeria, Haiti and Guyana, as  
11 the namesake for the Dr. Charles L. Branch Award at UT Dallas Brain  
12 Health Center, and as vice chair of the board of trustees and  
13 trustee emeritus of Oklahoma Christian University; and

14 WHEREAS, Throughout six decades of marriage, the Branches  
15 have made their home in Chicago, Illinois; Montreal, Quebec,  
16 Canada; and San Antonio, where they remain valued members of the  
17 community; the couple are active members of the MacArthur Park  
18 Church of Christ, where Dr. Branch is an elder, teacher, and  
19 medical missionary, and Mrs. Branch is a longtime children's  
20 teacher; in addition, she is an active board member of *The Christian*  
21 *Chronicle* newspaper; Dr. Branch is the founder, and along with  
22 Mrs. Branch, acts as general partner for the Branch Ranch holdings  
23 in Geronimo; and

24 WHEREAS, Together, Dr. and Mrs. Branch have shared the  
25 trials and triumphs of six decades, and it is a pleasure to join in  
26 honoring their enduring union; now, therefore, be it

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

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1 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby congratulate Dr. Charles  
2 Leon Branch, Sr. and Mrs. Sylvia Lee Boswell Branch on the joyous  
3 occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary and extend to them  
4 sincere best wishes for continued happiness; and, be it further

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