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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A 50th wedding anniversary marks a lifetime of
2 mutual devotion and shared experiences, and Russell and Linda Rau
3 of Eustace celebrated this joyous milestone in their marriage on
4 August 11, 2012; and

5 WHEREAS, After meeting at a Sadie Hawkins Day dance at the
6 State University College for Teachers at Buffalo in 1959, Mr. and
7 Mrs. Rau were joined in matrimony in 1962 at a ceremony held at
8 Kenmore United Methodist Church in Buffalo, New York; through the
9 years, they have been blessed with a treasured family that includes
10 two children and their spouses, Donald and his wife, Donna, and
11 Kristine and her husband, Stephen, as well as their grandchildren,
12 Erica, Marc, Scott, Shannon, Brandon, and Joshua, and their
13 great-grandchildren, Kelsy and Nora; and

14 WHEREAS, The couple lived for many years in upstate New York,
15 where Mr. Rau taught mechanical drawing and graphic arts at Medina
16 Senior High School for 32 years and Mrs. Rau taught kindergarten for
17 26 years; active members of their community, Mr. Rau served as a
18 councilman and town supervisor for the town of Ridgeway, as a
19 scoutmaster, and as a member of the Lee-Whedon Memorial Library
20 board, while Mrs. Rau volunteered at the library and performed with
21 the Sweet Adelines singing group; since retiring to Texas in 1995,
22 the couple have been active with Meals on Wheels, Habitat for
23 Humanity, and the Kiwanis Club of Cedar Creek Lake; and

24 WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Rau have enjoyed five decades of

1 abiding love and affection for each other, and they are among an
2 exceptional group of men and women who can claim such a lasting
3 commitment; now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
5 Legislature hereby congratulate Russell and Linda Rau on their 50th
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. Rau as an expression of high regard by the
10 Texas House of Representatives.