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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The 70th wedding anniversary of two people still as  
2 in love as the day they married is a milestone not frequently  
3 reached and therefore all the more worth celebrating; and

4           WHEREAS, Jesse L. "Jack" McCrady and the former Kathleen  
5 Holland were joined in matrimony on December 24, 1942, during their  
6 Christmas break; at the time, they were still high school seniors in  
7 Hollis, Oklahoma, where they were classmates and close friends of  
8 Edith and Darrell Royal; and

9           WHEREAS, Following graduation in May 1943, Mr. McCrady was  
10 drafted into the U.S. Army and served his country with distinction  
11 in World War II as a pilot of twin-engine aircraft; after his  
12 honorable discharge, he joined the Texas National Guard and  
13 primarily worked as a helicopter pilot based at Camp Mabry in  
14 Austin; he earned a number of honors through the years and retired  
15 with the rank of major in 1973; and

16           WHEREAS, Mrs. McCrady, who had a notable career with the  
17 Austin Independent School District, is a gifted and nationally  
18 known quilt artist, whose work has been exhibited to great acclaim  
19 and is held in private and corporate collections; and

20           WHEREAS, An expert in quilt appraisal and the author of a  
21 popular book entitled *My Life With Quilts*, Mrs. McCrady is a  
22 charter member of the Austin Area Quilt Guild and founder of Quilt  
23 History Study Hall; she has also offered classes on history,  
24 restoration, and conservation using her extensive collection of

1 quilts, fabrics, and ephemera, and in 2006, she donated that  
2 collection to the Dolph Briscoe Center for American History at The  
3 University of Texas at Austin; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. McCrady are longtime residents of the  
5 Brentwood neighborhood of Austin, where they are active in their  
6 neighborhood association; they have been faithful members of  
7 Northwest Baptist Church for decades; and

8 WHEREAS, Blessed with a treasured family, they enjoy spending  
9 time with their 4 children, Michael, Nancy, Phillip, and Karol Ann,  
10 and their spouses, as well as their 11 grandchildren, 18  
11 great-grandchildren, and 4 great-great-grandchildren; and

12 WHEREAS, Jack and Kathleen McCrady have shared seven decades  
13 of abiding love and affection for one another, and they are among an  
14 exceptional group of men and women who can claim such a lasting  
15 commitment; now, therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas  
17 Legislature hereby congratulate Jack and Kathleen McCrady on their  
18 70th wedding anniversary and extend to them sincere best wishes for  
19 continued happiness; and, be it further

20 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
21 prepared for Mr. and Mrs. McCrady as an expression of high regard  
22 by the Texas House of Representatives.