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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A 59th wedding anniversary marks a lifetime of  
2 mutual devotion and shared experiences, and Merle and Imogene Baker  
3 of Forney are celebrating this joyous occasion on June 11, 2013; and

4 WHEREAS, Merle and Imogene Baker met as teenagers, when they  
5 both worked at her uncle's donut shop in Dallas; they had their  
6 first date at Fair Park, and after an 18-month courtship, they  
7 married at the bride's mother's residence in Oak Cliff; and

8 WHEREAS, Earlier in their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Baker  
9 managed successful businesses in Dallas, including a recording  
10 studio and a print shop; above all, they treasure the love of their  
11 close-knit family, which has grown to include their children,  
12 Cecilia Meler, Brenda Elery, Dean Baker, Tracy Clay, and Amy  
13 Collins, as well as 12 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren; in  
14 1995, the couple purchased 20 acres of land in Forney and divided it  
15 among their five children, who have all built homes there; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Baker have been members of the Urban  
17 Park Assembly of God for more than four decades and credit their  
18 marriage's longevity to their faith; for their 40th anniversary,  
19 Mr. Baker wrote a song titled "My Five Foot One," expressing his  
20 love and admiration for his wife; this devoted pair have also  
21 commemorated milestone anniversaries with a trip to Europe with  
22 friends and a cruise off the Iberian Peninsula; and

23 WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Baker have enjoyed nearly six decades  
24 together, and they are among an exceptional group of men and women

1 who can claim such a lasting commitment; now, therefore, be it

2       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas  
3 Legislature hereby congratulate Merle and Imogene Baker on their  
4 59th wedding anniversary and extend to them sincere best wishes for  
5 continued happiness; and, be it further

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