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H.R. No. 1298

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, John and Nancy Ryder of Austin are celebrating their  
2 40th wedding anniversary on April 14, 2013, and they may indeed  
3 reflect with joy on their rewarding relationship; and

4           WHEREAS, Dr. and Mrs. Ryder first met in Europe in 1972, when  
5 they shared the same cabin on a train while en route to Copenhagen  
6 from Paris; the pair wound up touring Scandinavia together before  
7 parting ways, but they stayed in touch and, less than a year later,  
8 they were married in Sudbury, Massachusetts; Europe would remain a  
9 special place in their lives as they have lived there twice over the  
10 course of their marriage for a total of 10 years; and

11           WHEREAS, Recognizing the importance of education, John Ryder  
12 earned a bachelor's degree in zoology from The University of Texas  
13 at Austin and a doctor of optometry degree from the University of  
14 Houston, while Mrs. Ryder has a history degree from the University  
15 of New Hampshire; and

16           WHEREAS, Dr. Ryder ably served this nation in the army from  
17 1972 to 1994, when he and his wife settled in Austin; he opened an  
18 optometry practice in the Capital City that grew to include four  
19 locations; in their leisure time, the Ryders enjoy traveling and  
20 cooking, and Mrs. Ryder is an accomplished quilter and knitter; and

21           WHEREAS, Dr. and Mrs. Ryder count among their blessings a  
22 fine family that includes a son, Colin, and a grandson, Noah; and

23           WHEREAS, For four decades, John and Nancy Ryder have brought  
24 to their marriage laughter, kindness, and devotion, and it is a

1 pleasure to honor them for their enduring commitment; now,  
2 therefore, be it

3       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas  
4 Legislature hereby congratulate John and Nancy Ryder on their 40th  
5 wedding anniversary and extend to them sincere best wishes for  
6 continued happiness; and, be it further

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