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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Bob Holland and Merle Holland of Fort Worth are
2 celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on June 29, 2013, and
3 they may indeed reflect with joy on the rewarding relationship they
4 have shared; and

5 WHEREAS, Bob Holland and the former Merle Stokes went on
6 their first date on July 14, 1960; having established their
7 compatibility over the course of 370 more dates, they duly got
8 engaged on May 7, 1963; they married the following month in a
9 ceremony held at Willow Meadows Baptist Church in Houston; and

10 WHEREAS, Dr. and Mrs. Holland were later blessed with two
11 sons and a daughter; they served as youth coaches in soccer and
12 baseball, and Mrs. Holland became a soccer referee; today, their
13 close-knit family includes their children, Guy Holland, Beth
14 Holland Klimas and her husband, Eric, and Mark Holland and his wife,
15 Wendy, as well as two grandchildren, Rowan and Gage; and

16 WHEREAS, A retired dentist, Dr. Holland graduated from The
17 University of Texas at Austin; he began his practice in Houston in
18 the mid-1960s before relocating it to Fort Worth; Mrs. Holland had
19 a 25-year career with Fort Worth Country Day School, from which she
20 retired as the lower school technology and curriculum coordinator;
21 moreover, she has been very active through the years in the honorary
22 educator organization Delta Kappa Gamma Society International and
23 has held several leadership positions with the group at the state
24 and national levels; and

1 WHEREAS, The couple are valued members of University Baptist
2 Church and volunteer for its programs; Dr. Holland is a longtime
3 deacon and Mrs. Holland taught Sunday school there for over a
4 quarter-century; and

5 WHEREAS, Avid football fans as well, the Hollands follow the
6 Dallas Cowboys, the Texas Longhorns, and the Louisiana State
7 University Tigers; Mrs. Holland enjoys playing the piano, and since
8 taking up the harp, she has been asked to perform at a variety of
9 functions; among Dr. Holland's favorite pursuits are gardening and
10 cooking, and he has also learned the art of making custom knives;
11 together, they have recently discovered the joys and challenges of
12 fly-fishing; and

13 WHEREAS, For five decades, Bob and Merle Holland have brought
14 to their marriage laughter, kindness, and devotion, and it is a
15 pleasure to honor them for their enduring commitment; now,
16 therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
18 Legislature hereby congratulate Bob and Merle Holland on their
19 golden wedding anniversary and extend to them sincere best wishes
20 for continued happiness; and, be it further

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