

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Just when Jon and Melissa English thought life
2 couldn't possibly get any sweeter, their daughter, Sarah Rose
3 English, entered this world and proved them wrong; and

4 WHEREAS, Sarah weighed 6 pounds, 3 ounces, and measured 19
5 inches in length when she made her much-anticipated debut on April
6 20, 2013, at 2:24 p.m.; although three weeks earlier than expected,
7 her arrival was judged to be precisely on time by her delighted
8 parents; and

9 WHEREAS, Her mother and father have many friends in the
10 Capitol Complex, as the pair first became acquainted while working
11 as house sergeants during a legislative session; Mr. English later
12 went on to serve as chief of staff for State Representative Debbie
13 Riddle and has since completed law school; and

14 WHEREAS, Distinguished as the only daughter in the English
15 family, Sarah has received a hearty welcome from her older
16 brothers, five-year-old Jackson Creed English and
17 two-and-a-half-year-old Joseph David English, both of whom
18 cheerfully took to doting on her when she was just a few hours old;
19 of late, a new ritual has developed among the siblings, with Jack
20 holding Sarah on the couch and Joe sitting as close as he possibly
21 can; nestled in this manner, Jack spins tales of Princess Sarah,
22 Prince Joe, and Prince Jackson having magical adventures together
23 in faraway lands that always come complete with a happy ending; and

24 WHEREAS, Also sharing in the pleasure of this blessed event

1 is baby Sarah's namesake, Sarah Rose DiMarco Shipman, a former
2 college roommate of Ms. English and the sister she never had; Ms.
3 Shipman was chosen as godmother to Joe and no doubt she will play a
4 significant role in the life of Sarah Rose English as well; beloved
5 by the Englishes for her strength, beauty, intelligence, grace, and
6 intense loyalty, Ms. Shipman is everything they hope their infant
7 daughter becomes; and

8 WHEREAS, The household's motto, "To Be All of Us, For
9 Forever"--which was drawn from Mr. English's nervous but heartfelt
10 marriage proposal--acquires special significance with Sarah's
11 birth, as it marks the completion of this close-knit family; while
12 Sarah explores the journey of life and all its myriad wonders, she
13 will surely thrive in the warm embrace of those who surround her, to
14 whom she has brought such great and abiding joy; now, therefore, be
15 it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
17 Legislature hereby officially welcome Sarah Rose English as a new
18 citizen of Texas and congratulate Jonathan and Melissa English on
19 the birth of their baby girl; and, be it further

20 RESOLVED, That a formal copy of this resolution be prepared
21 for the English family as an expression of high regard by the Texas
22 House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 2685

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2685 was adopted by the House on May 23, 2013, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House