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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.