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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A 50th wedding anniversary marks a lifetime of
2 mutual devotion and shared experiences, and Jerry and Wanda Hanszen
3 of Carthage are celebrating this joyous milestone in their marriage
4 on August 18, 2013; and

5 WHEREAS, Jerry Tilton Hanszen and the former Wanda Faye Jones
6 were the drum majors at their respective high schools in Carthage
7 and Center, and at Stephen F. Austin State University, Mr. Hanszen
8 served as drum major, while Ms. Jones was a Twirl-O-Jack; romance
9 soon developed between the two, and rumor has it that their budding
10 relationship directly affected the tempo of the Lumberjack Band;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, While still in college, they were joined in
13 matrimony in 1963 at a ceremony held at the First Baptist Church in
14 Center, and they were subsequently elected "Cutest Married Couple"
15 on campus; after graduating, Mr. and Mrs. Hanszen lived in Many,
16 Louisiana, and they later made their home in White Oak and Beaumont
17 before settling in Carthage; through the years, they have been
18 blessed with a treasured family that includes two children and
19 their spouses, Kent Melvin Hanszen and his wife, Theresa, and
20 Brooke Nicole Hanszen and her husband, State Representative Chris
21 Paddie, as well as six grandchildren, Elizabeth, Emily, Samuel,
22 Iris, Christopher, and Noah; and

23 WHEREAS, Over the course of their careers Mr. and Mrs.
24 Hanszen have taught school, sold band equipment, and worked in

1 manufactured housing and broadcasting; along the way, Mrs. Hanszen
2 has been a valued member of the Beaumont Junior League, the Marshall
3 Regional Arts Council, the Panola County Chamber of Commerce Board,
4 and the Carthage Book Club, among other groups; Mr. Hanszen has been
5 involved in the community through his participation in the Lions
6 Club, the Masons and Shriners, and the Carthage Fire Department, of
7 which he is a veteran member; moreover, he has served as a deacon at
8 Central Baptist Church; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Hanszen have enjoyed five decades of
10 abiding love and affection for each other, and they are among an
11 exceptional group of men and women who can claim such a lasting
12 commitment; now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
14 Legislature hereby congratulate Jerry and Wanda Hanszen on their
15 golden wedding anniversary and extend to them sincere best wishes
16 for continued happiness; and, be it further

17 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
18 prepared for Mr. and Mrs. Hanszen as an expression of high regard by
19 the Texas House of Representatives.