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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 Jim and May Schmidt of
3 Austin celebrated this joyous milestone in their marriage on
4 January 16, 2015; and

5 WHEREAS, The couple met when they were students at The
6 University of Texas at Austin, and they were joined in matrimony in
7 1965 at a ceremony held at the First Unitarian Universalist Church
8 in Austin; and

9 WHEREAS, Following Mrs. Schmidt's graduation from UT and
10 Mr. Schmidt's graduation from Huston-Tillotson University, they
11 served together with the Peace Corps in El Salvador; after
12 returning to the States, Mrs. Schmidt earned master's degrees in
13 Latin American studies and in library science, while Mr. Schmidt
14 studied nursing at Austin Community College; and

15 WHEREAS, Now retired, Mrs. Schmidt worked as a librarian at
16 the Austin Public Library, and she currently serves as a librarian
17 at the Texas Archeological Research Laboratory; she has contributed
18 to her community as a member of the Texas PTA board and as a former
19 president of the Austin Council of PTAs, and the gymnasium at Pease
20 Elementary School is named in her honor; she is also active with the
21 Travis County Historical Commission; and

22 WHEREAS, Mr. Schmidt enjoyed a career as a registered nurse
23 with the City of Austin and the State of Texas; now retired, he
24 serves as an aide at the French Legation Museum, and he is an active

1 member of the Balcones Forge Central Texas Blacksmiths; he and his
2 wife are both officers in the Texas Archeological Society and
3 members of the Travis County Archeological Society and Texas
4 Archeological Stewardship Network, and they also serve as Travis
5 County elections officials and docents at the Lady Bird Johnson
6 Wildflower Center; and

7 WHEREAS, Through the years, Mr. and Mrs. Schmidt have been
8 blessed with a treasured family that includes their children, Erna
9 and her wife, Denise, and Christian and his wife, Kristin, as well
10 as their grandchildren, McKenna, C. J., and John, and
11 great-grandsons, Matthew and Samuel; and

12 WHEREAS, Jim and May Schmidt have enjoyed five decades of
13 abiding love and affection for each other, and they are among an
14 exceptional group of men and women who can claim such a lasting
15 commitment; now, therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
17 Legislature hereby congratulate Jim and May Schmidt on their golden
18 wedding anniversary and extend to them sincere best wishes for
19 continued happiness; and, be it further

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