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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, On January 29, 1945, with World War II still raging,
2 21-year-old Dorothy Mae Geyer married Vincent Bell Hughes Jr., a
3 23-year-old Air Force corporal stationed at Columbia Army Air Base
4 in South Carolina; and

5 WHEREAS, The couple met in their hometown of Houston, Texas,
6 where their mutual love of dancing to Glenn Miller's Big Band sounds
7 sparked a romance that has lasted more than seven decades; and

8 WHEREAS, With Vincent's imminent deployment to the Pacific
9 Theater, the two exchanged vows at the Episcopal Church of the Good
10 Shepherd in Columbia, South Carolina, with two apron-clad church
11 volunteers as witnesses; and

12 WHEREAS, The war came to a merciful end before Vincent was
13 scheduled to ship out, which brought the newlyweds back to Houston,
14 where they began their married life together and started their
15 family; and

16 WHEREAS, In the years that ensued, Dorothy and Vincent were
17 blessed with three children--Karen, Lisa, and Vincent III--who kept
18 their parents happily busy with Little League games, PTA, school
19 plays, drill team performances, Cub Scouts, Brownies, homework,
20 carpools, and much more; and

21 WHEREAS, While family always came first, Vincent and Dorothy
22 each enjoyed rewarding careers, he as a talented architect and
23 partner in a prominent Houston architectural firm and she as a
24 successful gourmet housewares buyer who entered the workplace after

1 her children were raised; and

2 WHEREAS, During their marriage, the couple worked and lived
3 in Houston, Little Rock, Arkansas, and Austin, but firmly believe
4 they saved the best for last, electing in 1991 to retire to their
5 beloved home on 10 acres outside of College Station, Texas; and

6 WHEREAS, The past two decades have been among the happiest
7 and most active of their marriage, filled with many wonderful
8 gatherings of family, extended family, and friends, a passionate
9 love of Texas A&M sports, an endless list of home improvement and
10 landscaping projects, and, most importantly, a chance to be
11 personally involved in the lives of their two grandsons, Ben and
12 William; and

13 WHEREAS, January 29, 2015, marked the 70th anniversary of
14 Dorothy and Vincent's union, and this remarkable couple still have
15 a love for living and each other that has sustained them for 70
16 years; now, therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
18 Legislature hereby congratulate Dorothy and Vincent Hughes on their
19 70th wedding anniversary and extend to them sincere best wishes for
20 continued happiness; and, be it further

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