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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A 65th wedding anniversary marks a lifetime of
2 mutual devotion and shared experiences, and Chester and Rosella
3 Balzen of Hondo marked this joyous milestone in their marriage on
4 March 19, 2015; and

5 WHEREAS, The former Rosella Lavinia Waits first met Chester
6 William Balzen when she was 9 and he was 15; although she was not
7 initially impressed, he seemed to have improved some years later,
8 when he returned from a tour of duty in Italy with the United States
9 Army; the couple were joined in matrimony in 1950 at a ceremony held
10 at the Natalia Baptist Church, and through the years, they were
11 blessed with three treasured children, Corliss, Elizabeth, and
12 Charles; and

13 WHEREAS, Early in their marriage, Mr. Balzen attended a
14 G.I. job-training program and worked part-time for a local farmer;
15 he went on to find employment as an airplane mechanic before
16 embarking on a career with Universal Rundle that spanned more than
17 three decades before his retirement; while devoting herself to her
18 home and family, Mrs. Balzen also worked at times as a cashier,
19 dental assistant, florist, and office supply salesperson; today,
20 she expresses her artistic talent through her small craft business;
21 and

22 WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Balzen are active in their church, and
23 Mrs. Balzen also volunteers with Friends of the Library; she
24 previously served as a member of the PTA, as a Campfire Girls

1 leader, and as a Cub Scouts den mother; Mr. Balzen was a scoutmaster
2 and a longtime Little League coach; and

3 WHEREAS, Chester and Rosella Balzen have enjoyed 65 years of
4 abiding love and affection for each other, and they are among an
5 exceptional group of men and women who can claim such a lasting
6 commitment; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
8 Legislature hereby congratulate Chester and Rosella Balzen on their
9 65th wedding anniversary and extend to them sincere best wishes for
10 continued happiness; and, be it further

11 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
12 prepared for Mr. and Mrs. Balzen as an expression of high regard by
13 the Texas House of Representatives.