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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A 55th wedding anniversary marks a lifetime of love
2 and shared experiences, and Bennie Lee Dugat and Dr. Henry L. Dugat
3 Sr. are celebrating this joyous milestone in their marriage on May
4 21, 2015; and

5 WHEREAS, Henry Dugat, the son of Johnny Dugat Sr. and
6 Catherine Rundless, and the former Bennie Lee Durham, daughter of
7 Luella Durham and Jeffery Durham, met as students in the fifth grade
8 and have remained inseparable ever since; they graduated from
9 Liberty Training High School in 1958 and were united in matrimony in
10 1960 at a ceremony held at Trinity Valley Missionary Baptist
11 Church; and

12 WHEREAS, Through the years, the Dugats have been blessed with
13 a treasured family that includes five children, Cynthia Mosley and
14 her husband, Amos, Henry L. Dugat Jr. and his wife, Gladys, Daphne
15 Faye Dickerson and her husband, Kenneth, Alonzo E. Dugat Sr. and his
16 wife, Betty, and Christopher D. Dugat Sr. and his wife, Angelique,
17 as well as 21 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren; and

18 WHEREAS, A leader in his community, Dr. Dugat helped to
19 establish the Lamar University satellite campus in Liberty that
20 eventually became a branch of Prairie View A&M University, and he
21 served as administrative director of both institutions; moreover,
22 he played an integral role in founding the Sickle Cell Foundation of
23 Galveston and in the renaming of a street in honor of Dr. Martin
24 Luther King Jr.; he studied music and psychology at Texas Southern

1 University before obtaining theological doctoral degrees from the
2 United Christian Theological Institute and the Mt. Zion Travelers
3 Seminary; today, he works on the staff of Allison Funeral Service
4 and additionally serves as chair of the board of directors for the
5 Liberty County Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration Committee;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, Dr. Dugat began serving as the minister of music at
8 Pleasant Hill Baptist Church in Dayton in 1953, and he went on to
9 earn election as an organist for the National Baptist Convention of
10 America; during his time in that position, he toured the country
11 performing at such venues as the Apollo Theater in New York and the
12 Shrine Auditorium in Los Angeles, and for his talent and
13 dedication, he was presented with an honorary doctorate in music;
14 he now serves as minister of music at St. Ann's Catholic Church in
15 Mallet, Louisiana, and at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Dayton;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, Mrs. Dugat is also a graduate of Texas Southern
18 University, and in addition to the degree in clinical science that
19 she earned at TSU, she also holds a bachelor's degree in Christian
20 Counseling from the United Christian Theological Institute; she
21 currently works as director of Firm Foundations and as a consultant
22 for Liberty Medical Surgical Clinic, where she retired after more
23 than 40 years as a medical technician; her early career included a
24 tenure as the supervisor of morphology at The University of Texas
25 Medical Branch at Galveston; active in her church as well, she
26 serves the congregation of Trinity Valley Missionary Baptist Church
27 as a secretary and as head of the church's new member orientation;

1 and

2 WHEREAS, The enduring union shared by Dr. and Mrs. Dugat is
3 an inspiration to all who know them, and it is indeed a pleasure to
4 join in congratulating this esteemed couple as they commemorate 55
5 years of happiness as husband and wife; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
7 Legislature hereby honor Dr. Henry L. Dugat Sr. and Bennie Lee
8 Dugat on the occasion of their 55th wedding anniversary and extend
9 to them warmest best wishes for the future; and, be it further

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