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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, June 25, 2017, signals the beginning of a new
2 chapter in the lives of Benjamin Daniel Shackelford and Annie
3 Avary, for on that day they are exchanging their wedding vows at The
4 Carriage House in Conroe; and

5 WHEREAS, This devoted couple met at Texas Tech University,
6 brought together by their fellow student Amanda Vereen, who is also
7 Mr. Shackelford's cousin and Ms. Avary's Tau Beta Sigma sorority
8 sister; and

9 WHEREAS, The groom graduated from high school in Perryton and
10 joined the U.S. Marine Corps in 2005; honorably discharged six
11 years later, he attended Texas Tech University, where he competed
12 on the power-lifting team and earned a bachelor's degree in
13 exercise sport science; he subsequently became a coach and teacher
14 at Snyder Junior High, and he has worked at New Caney Middle School
15 since 2014; and

16 WHEREAS, Raised in The Woodlands, Ms. Avary graduated from
17 College Park High School in 2010 and continued her education at
18 Texas Tech, where she played clarinet with the Goin' Band from
19 Raiderland; after completing her degree in music in 2014, she went
20 on to receive a master's degree in counseling from The University of
21 Texas at Tyler, and she has since served as a band director in the
22 New Caney and Conroe school districts; and

23 WHEREAS, The wedding of Ben Shackelford and Annie Avary marks
24 a profound deepening of a relationship that has grown in love,

1 respect, and mutual regard with each passing day, and it is truly a
2 pleasure to honor this fortunate couple as they are united in
3 marriage; now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
5 Legislature hereby congratulate Benjamin Daniel Shackelford and
6 Annie Avary on their wedding and extend to them sincere best wishes
7 for a lifetime of happiness; and, be it further

8 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
9 prepared for the couple as an expression of high regard by the Texas
10 House of Representatives.