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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, A 66th wedding anniversary marks a lifetime of  
2 mutual devotion and shared experiences, and Melvin and Jessie  
3 Sampley of Arlington are celebrating this joyous milestone in their  
4 marriage on June 2, 2017; and

5           WHEREAS, Melvin Cecil Sampley met the former Jessie Annette  
6 "Shang" Grubbs in 1950 at a square dance in Montgomery, Alabama, and  
7 afterward, he asked for permission to escort her home; the couple  
8 were joined in matrimony a year later at the Baptist parsonage of  
9 Dr. Henry Lyon Jr.; over the decades, they have been blessed with a  
10 treasured family that includes their three children, Melissa,  
11 Susan, and Mark, as well as four grandchildren and five  
12 great-grandchildren; and

13           WHEREAS, Residents of Arlington since 1967, Mr. and  
14 Mrs. Sampley are active members of the Vine Fellowship Church, and  
15 they have helped those in need in their community and beyond;  
16 Mr. Sampley served as a flight engineer in the U.S. Air Force and  
17 earned the Air Medal for combat missions in North Korea, and he  
18 later worked in materials management for the aerospace industry;  
19 Mrs. Sampley has devoted herself to her home and family throughout  
20 their marriage; and

21           WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Sampley have enjoyed 66 years of  
22 abiding love and affection for each other, and they are among an  
23 exceptional group of men and women who can claim such a lasting  
24 commitment; now, therefore, be it

1           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas  
2 Legislature hereby congratulate Melvin and Shang Sampley on their  
3 66th wedding anniversary and extend to them sincere best wishes for  
4 continued happiness; and, be it further

5           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
6 prepared for Mr. and Mrs. Sampley as an expression of high regard  
7 by the Texas House of Representatives.