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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Lynn and Michael Wright are celebrating 50 years of  
2 marriage in 2019, and this joyous milestone provides a fitting  
3 opportunity to reflect on their memorable journey together as  
4 husband and wife; and

5           WHEREAS, Born in Riverside, Illinois, the former Mary Lynn  
6 Snodgrass moved to Iowa as a child and graduated from Burlington  
7 Community High School; she earned her bachelor's degree in lower  
8 elementary education at the University of Northern Iowa and went on  
9 to teach school in Iowa and Texas for a number of years, touching  
10 the lives of many Texas students before retiring; and

11           WHEREAS, Michael Joseph Wright is a native of Mount Pleasant,  
12 Iowa, and a graduate of Mount Pleasant Community High School; he  
13 received his degree in history from the University of Northern Iowa  
14 in 1969 and completed his studies at Rutgers University's Eagleton  
15 Institute of Politics; after serving as a combat helicopter pilot  
16 in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War, he worked for Hoffmann-La  
17 Roche, a multinational pharmaceutical company, for 37 years; he has  
18 served as senior director of government affairs for the Texas  
19 Pharmacy Association, as well as executive director for the Texas  
20 Pharmacy Business Council; and

21           WHEREAS, Both husband and wife have actively fund-raised for  
22 Dell Children's Medical Center of Central Texas in Austin and have  
23 endowed two memorial scholarships at their alma mater; Mr. Wright  
24 is also a founding member of the Texas Capitol Vietnam Veterans

1 Monument Committee, and he has variously served on the Dean's  
2 Advisory Council for the University of Houston College of Pharmacy  
3 and on the executive boards of such organizations as the National  
4 Governors Association and the American Legislative Exchange  
5 Council; and

6       WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Wright's half-century-long union is  
7 made all the more remarkable by the fact that they have exchanged  
8 wedding vows twice; they first wed in 1969 and divorced after a  
9 year, but the strength of their love soon led them to remarry; their  
10 second marriage has lasted an extraordinary 49 years, providing  
11 living proof of the words sung by Frank Sinatra, "Love is lovelier  
12 the second time around"; the couple's lives have been further  
13 enriched by their daughter, Nicole Lynn Wright; and

14       WHEREAS, The enduring union shared by Lynn and Michael Wright  
15 is an inspiration to all who know them, and it is indeed a pleasure  
16 to join in congratulating this esteemed couple as they commemorate  
17 five decades as husband and wife; now, therefore, be it

18       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas  
19 Legislature hereby congratulate Lynn and Michael Wright on their  
20 50th wedding anniversary and commend them for their many personal  
21 and professional achievements; and, be it further

22       RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
23 prepared for Mr. and Mrs. Wright as an expression of high regard by  
24 the Texas House of Representatives.