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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, November 27, 2023, marks the 60th wedding  
2 anniversary of Dr. Walter Wornardt and Ruth Wornardt of Houston,  
3 and this joyous event provides a fitting opportunity to reflect on  
4 their romantic journey together as husband and wife; and

5           WHEREAS, Born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Walter W. Wornardt  
6 Jr. received his bachelor's degree in geology from the University  
7 of Wisconsin-Madison and went on to earn his doctorate from the  
8 Department of Paleontology at the University of California,  
9 Berkeley with a National Science Foundation Fellowship; he began  
10 his career in the oil and gas industry with Chevron in  
11 San Francisco, where he would meet his future wife; and

12           WHEREAS, The former Ruth Chalmers Prentice, a native of  
13 Washington, D.C., attended Bible college for two years and  
14 completed her registered nursing degree at Alexandria Hospital  
15 School of Nursing; in 1960, she relocated to San Francisco; and

16           WHEREAS, After dating for a few years, Dr. and Mrs. Wornardt  
17 rendezvoused in Europe and wed in Gibraltar in 1963; Dr. Wornardt  
18 was employed by the Esso Production Research Company in Houston  
19 from 1965 to 1968 and then by Union Oil Company in California until  
20 1977, when he became a professor of geology at the University of  
21 Redlands; he worked for ERT Consultants in Denver, Colorado, as  
22 well; the couple settled in Houston in 1990, and Mrs. Wornardt  
23 worked at the Michael E. DeBakey Department of Veterans Affairs  
24 Medical Center until her retirement in 2012, after 35 years in

1 nursing; Dr. Wornardt taught at Rice University from 1990 to 1992  
2 while serving as president and CEO of Micro-Strat, Incorporated,  
3 for four decades; and

4 WHEREAS, The Wornardts have been active congregants of First  
5 Presbyterian Church, and they have also been members of  
6 professional groups such as the American Association of Petroleum  
7 Geologists, the Petroleum Club, and the Houston Geological Society,  
8 as well as of such community organizations as the Houston Opera, the  
9 Houston Club, and Toastmasters International; moreover, they are  
10 both authors, Dr. Wornardt of *The Six-Month Honeymoon*, a memoir of  
11 their romantic adventure across Europe and through East Africa in  
12 their red Triumph Spitfire, and Mrs. Wornardt of *Calluses on His*  
13 *Knees*, which is about the ministry of her father, Harvey Prentice;  
14 and

15 WHEREAS, The six decades of marriage that Dr. and  
16 Mrs. Wornardt have shared is an eloquent affirmation of the meaning  
17 of love and commitment, and their enduring union is an inspiration  
18 to all who know them; now, therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas  
20 Legislature, 4th Called Session, hereby congratulate Dr. Walter  
21 Wornardt and Ruth Wornardt on their 60th wedding anniversary and  
22 extend to them sincere best wishes for continued happiness; and, be  
23 it further

24 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
25 prepared for Dr. and Mrs. Wornardt as an expression of high regard  
26 by the Texas House of Representatives.