By: Buckley H.R. No. 102

RESOLUTION

- 1 WHEREAS, A 60th wedding anniversary marks a lifetime of
- 2 mutual devotion and shared experiences, and Charles and Lawanda
- 3 Hardage of Killeen are celebrating this joyous milestone in their
- 4 marriage on September 4, 2025; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Charles Erin Hardage and the former Lawanda Jane
- 6 Reinisch were joined in matrimony in 1965 in Vernon at a ceremony
- 7 conducted in her parents' living room; over the years, they have
- 8 been blessed with a treasured family that includes two children,
- 9 Leslie and Jud, as well as six grandchildren, Allyson, JT, Zack,
- 10 Katy, Ethan, and Abby, and seven great-grandchildren, Wyatt,
- 11 Emmitt, Avery, Brinley, Presley, Quinn, and Clay; and
- WHEREAS, Early in their life together, Mr. Hardage began
- 13 leading the music program at Avondale Baptist Church in Amarillo,
- 14 and he went on to take a ministerial position in Burkburnett; in
- 15 1971, he was hired as a music and youth director at First Baptist
- 16 Church in Lamesa, and Mrs. Hardage directed children's music for
- 17 the congregation; from 1978 to 1986, Mr. Hardage was director of
- 18 music at First Baptist Church in Killeen; and
- 19 WHEREAS, The couple then operated an Armstrong McCall
- 20 professional beauty supply franchise in Abilene for 17 years, and
- 21 they served in the music department of Pioneer Drive Baptist
- 22 Church; after selling the business in 2003, they returned to
- 23 Killeen, and Mr. Hardage took a part-time role at LifeWay
- 24 Fellowship; the pair became active members of the congregation, and

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- 1 they delighted in worshipping alongside two generations of their
- 2 family; Mr. Hardage baptized several of his grandchildren before
- 3 his retirement in 2021; and
- WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Hardage have enjoyed six decades of
- 5 abiding love and affection for each other, and they are among an
- 6 exceptional group of men and women who can claim such a lasting
- 7 commitment; now, therefore, be it
- 8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas
- 9 Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby congratulate Charles and
- 10 Lawanda Hardage on their 60th wedding anniversary and extend to
- 11 them sincere best wishes for continued happiness; and, be it
- 12 further
- 13 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 14 prepared for Mr. and Mrs. Hardage as an expression of high regard
- 15 by the Texas House of Representatives.