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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A 65th wedding anniversary marks a lifetime of
2 mutual devotion and shared experiences, and former state
3 representative Bill Callegari and his wife, Ann Callegari, are
4 celebrating this joyous milestone in their marriage on June 4,
5 2025; and

6 WHEREAS, William Anthony Callegari and the former Ann Roy met
7 during their sophomore year at Cottonport High School in Louisiana;
8 after a class, he gave her a book, which contained a note inviting
9 her to the movies; she replied that she had to ask her grandmother,
10 and fortunately, permission was granted; after graduation, she
11 completed business trade school before moving to be near him in
12 Baton Rouge, where he attended Louisiana State University; the
13 couple became engaged during Mr. Callegari's freshman year and
14 married on that special day in 1960 at St. Mary's Assumption
15 Catholic Church, where both their families were parishioners; and

16 WHEREAS, Mrs. Callegari's salary anchored the household
17 until her husband completed his bachelor's degree in agricultural
18 engineering; they moved from Baton Rouge to Illinois when Mr.
19 Callegari accepted a job with the Caterpillar tractor company in
20 Peoria, before finally settling in Texas; while employed by Shell
21 Oil, he completed his master's degree in civil engineering at the
22 University of Houston; in 1974, he launched his own business,
23 AM-TEX Corporation, aided by Mrs. Callegari; she contributed her
24 skills in marketing and customer relations while raising their four

1 children, Butch, Robby, Cherry, and Chip; and

2 WHEREAS, Over the course of nearly two decades, Mr. Callegari
3 co-founded and led the Association of Water Board Directors and
4 built AM-TEX into a major regional corporation; he sold the company
5 to one of the world's largest utilities in 1993, and building on his
6 reputation as a top expert in environmental engineering, he went on
7 to own a consulting firm, WC Engineers; and

8 WHEREAS, Mrs. Callegari supported her husband not only in his
9 professional endeavors, but also in his career in public life; when
10 he ran for the Texas House from Katy in 2000, she charmed potential
11 constituents while the whole family donned campaign T-shirts and
12 volunteered enthusiastically; during his seven terms in office,
13 Representative Callegari gained special recognition for his work on
14 water policy; along the way, Mrs. Callegari befriended countless
15 members of the Capitol community, mentoring the spouses of new
16 legislators and bringing sweets for staff; and

17 WHEREAS, In recent years, Mr. and Mrs. Callegari have enjoyed
18 traveling around the world, cheering on their grandchildren at
19 sporting events, and spending time with loved ones and friends at
20 their lake house on Horseshoe Bay; for this milestone anniversary,
21 they have planned a cruise in the Caribbean with their family, which
22 has grown to include 13 grandchildren, Will, Doug, Derek, David,
23 Michael, Dylan, John, Elizabeth, and Paul Callegari, Emory McKim,
24 Annie St Paul, and Jacob and Hayden Hickman, as well as 9
25 great-grandchildren, Claire, Werd, Andrew, Eletta, and Bear
26 Callegari, Carlisle and Quinn McKim, Adeline Kimbrough, and Henry
27 St Paul; and

1 WHEREAS, Bill and Ann Callegari have enjoyed 65 years of
2 abiding love and affection for each other, and they are among an
3 exceptional group of men and women who can claim such a lasting
4 commitment; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas
6 Legislature hereby congratulate the Honorable Bill Callegari and
7 Ann Callegari on their 65th wedding anniversary and extend to them
8 sincere best wishes for continued happiness; and, be it further

9 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
10 prepared for Mr. and Mrs. Callegari as an expression of high regard
11 by the Texas House of Representatives.