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3 By Representatives Meadows, Holmes, Robertson, Moore (P),  
4 McMillan, Wood (D), Collins, Lovvorn, Scott and Simpson  
5 RFD:  
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8 HONORING CHARLES AND SYLVIA BORDEN ON THEIR 60TH  
9 WEDDING ANNIVERSARY.

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11 WHEREAS, Joseph Charles Borden met Sylvia Louise  
12 Sanford at a Methodist Church retreat in July of 1956 on Lake  
13 Martin; and

14 WHEREAS, they dated and fell in love over the next  
15 five years of high school in Montgomery and in college at  
16 Auburn University; and

17 WHEREAS, Charles and Sylvia married on Sunday, June  
18 11, 1961, at St. James Methodist Church, surrounded by their  
19 parents, Joe and Elizabeth Borden and Lewis and Virginia  
20 Sanford, other family, and friends; and

21 WHEREAS, Charles was commissioned as a 2nd  
22 Lieutenant in the Army and was then promoted to 1st  
23 Lieutenant, stationed in Fort Knox, Kentucky, where his and  
24 Sylvia's twins, Charlotte Louise and Melanie Carol, were born;  
25 and

26 WHEREAS, the Bordens moved to Mobile, where Charles  
27 began working with the Internal Revenue Service, and where his

1 and Sylvia's third daughter, Virginia Elizabeth "Gini Beth,"  
2 was born; and

3 WHEREAS, in 1970, Charles and Sylvia moved back home  
4 to Montgomery to rear their family, joined Eastern Hills  
5 Baptist Church, and became active in the community; and

6 WHEREAS, the Bordens' family of five grew to a  
7 family of eight when Melanie married Larry Delon Little,  
8 Charlotte married John Allen Meadows, and Gini Beth married  
9 Bobby Houston Welch; and

10 WHEREAS, Sylvia and Charles became "Mimi" and "Daddy  
11 Charles" to eight grandchildren, Nathaniel Dodgen Meadows,  
12 Charles Daniel Meadows, Melanie Elizabeth Meadows, Lauren  
13 Elizabeth Little, Landon Borden Little, Sylvia Grace Welch,  
14 Jacob Houston Welch, and Virginia Allison Welch; and

15 WHEREAS, Charles retired from the Internal Revenue  
16 Service after 34 years of service in 1995 and permanently  
17 moved to Lake Martin, where he and Sylvia turned their weekend  
18 cabin into a beautiful home on the lake; and

19 WHEREAS, the Borden Clan continued to grow with the  
20 love of Rayna Keyes Chupp, William Wilson Myers, Brent Alan  
21 Gilbert, George Anthony Carpenter, and with the welcoming of  
22 Collier "CC" Daniels and the birth of their first  
23 great-grandchild, Rosemary Grace, a special blessing during an  
24 otherwise difficult 2020; and

25 WHEREAS, Sylvia has supported, cherished, and loved  
26 Charles and her family as a Godly woman and has spent  
27 innumerable hours in the kitchen to feed their bodies and in

1                   prayer to feed their souls; Charles has continued to find  
2                   projects to keep himself busy and to help, advise, and guide  
3                   his family in more ways than can be counted; and

4                   WHEREAS, the retirement years have been spent  
5                   traveling, serving the community, and investing in the lives  
6                   of family and friends; now therefore,

7                   BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF  
8                   THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, That we honor and celebrate Joseph  
9                   Charles Borden and Sylvia Louise Sanford Borden on the  
10                   occasion of their 60th Wedding Anniversary on June 11, 2021;  
11                   their family expresses their utmost love and gratitude for the  
12                   example of a devoted marriage and a marriage worthy of  
13                   honoring.