

By: Martinez

H.R. No. 281

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, An inspiring couple whose lives have been enhanced  
2 by a great and enduring love, Wilbert and Mary Cardenas of Weslaco  
3 celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 26, 2021; and

4           WHEREAS, Wilbert Clark Cardenas and the former Maria Eden  
5 Castañeda met in junior high and went on their first date while in  
6 high school, attending the Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show on  
7 March 20, 1966; they were united in matrimony at St. Joan of Arc  
8 Catholic Church in Weslaco in 1971; and

9           WHEREAS, Mr. Cardenas served in the U.S. National Guard from  
10 1969 to 1975, and he enjoyed a successful 52-year career with H-E-B,  
11 where he was employed as a produce manager until his retirement in  
12 2017; a certified ophthalmic technician, Mrs. Cardenas worked in  
13 that capacity for four decades before transitioning to internal  
14 medicine in 2011; she retired in 2020; and

15           WHEREAS, Through the years, the couple has been very active  
16 in the St. Joan of Arc and St. Pius X Catholic Churches, serving in  
17 many capacities, including as Eucharistic ministers and  
18 confirmation catechists; moreover, Mr. Cardenas has been a member  
19 of the Knights of Columbus, holding the titles of district deputy  
20 and district master in the fourth degree; Mrs. Cardenas used her  
21 professional skills to assist with eye surgeries in Mexico through  
22 the Medical Group Missions organization; and

23           WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Cardenas are devoted to a fine family  
24 that includes 30 nieces and nephews; in addition, they have more

1 than 30 godchildren; and

2 WHEREAS, While much has changed in the world over the past  
3 half-century, Wilbert and Mary Cardenas have remained constant in  
4 their commitment to each other, and the strength of their love is a  
5 source of inspiration to all who are privileged to know them; now,  
6 therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas  
8 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby congratulate Wilbert and  
9 Mary Cardenas on their 50th wedding anniversary and extend to them  
10 sincere best wishes for continued happiness; and, be it further

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