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## RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, A 73rd wedding anniversary is truly cause for a 2 celebration, and on July 9, 2003, Hack and Norma Lasater of Slaton 3 marked this memorable event in their marriage; and

WHEREAS, The couple met as teenagers, in Idalou, where Mr. Lasater's family farmed and his future bride visited relatives each summer from Cleburne; they maintained a long-distance courtship during the school year, and seven years after first meeting they finally exchanged their wedding vows, though their trip to the altar was not without challenges; they had to borrow \$10 from a friend and ride to Lubbock from Idalou in the rumble seat of a Model A Ford coupe to find a clergyman to marry them after the minister they had been going to use had to travel to Austin; and

WHEREAS, Their wedding at First Christian Church took place less than a year after the stock market crash of 1929; the newlyweds began their marriage with a \$10 wedding debt and Mr. Lasater's \$10-a-week job with the M Systems grocery chain that later became Furrs; he remained in the grocery business for more than 15 years, served his country as a member of the United States Army during World War II, and spent 21 years in partnership with his wife in a hardware and gift store before retiring in 1977; and

WHEREAS, Since their nuptials, Mr. and Mrs. Lasater have enjoyed a warm and fulfilling relationship that has been richly blessed with a wide circle of loved ones, including many young people who have looked to the couple as second parents; for more

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- 1 than half a century, they have lived in the same home, been active
- 2 congregants of the same church, and been involved with the Slaton
- 3 Lions Club, and they remain valued members of their community; and
- WHEREAS, Throughout 73 years, Mr. and Mrs. Lasater have
- 5 shared the trials and triumphs of life together, and it is indeed a
- 6 pleasure to join in honoring them at this time; now, therefore, be
- 7 it
- 8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
- 9 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby congratulate Hack and Norma
- 10 Lasater on the happy occasion of their 73rd wedding anniversary and
- 11 extend to them heartfelt best wishes for continued happiness; and,
- 12 be it further
- 13 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 14 prepared for Mr. and Mrs. Lasater as an expression of high regard by
- 15 the Texas House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 120 was adopted by the House on July 25, 2003, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House