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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, A golden wedding anniversary is a significant  
2 milestone in a couple's marriage, and on May 2, 2003, Mitchell Lee  
3 and Melba Jean Archer marked this memorable occasion with a  
4 family-hosted reception at Sand Hill Baptist Church; and

5           WHEREAS, The couple met in 1952 when Mr. Archer, a member of  
6 the United States Marine Corps, was treated for injuries sustained  
7 during the Korean War by the former Melba Jean Shaw, a member of the  
8 United States Navy Nurse Corps; joined in marriage on May 2, 1953,  
9 in North Carolina, the couple's relationship serves as a source of  
10 joy and inspiration to their family, which includes their children,  
11 Michael and James Archer, and their grandchildren, Angela Marie  
12 Archer and Eric Lee Archer; and

13           WHEREAS, A native of Roanoke, Virginia, Mr. Archer also  
14 served his country with distinction during the Cuban missile crisis  
15 and the Vietnam War, and he retired in 1969 from the Marines  
16 following a notable 23-year career; the family moved to New Mexico,  
17 where Mr. Archer was employed with the Albuquerque National Bank  
18 and Mrs. Archer continued her nursing career with the VA hospital;  
19 following their retirement in 1987, the couple moved to the Sand  
20 Hill community, where Mrs. Archer grew up; and

21           WHEREAS, Today, Big Daddy and Big Momma, as they are  
22 affectionately called by family and friends, have accumulated many  
23 happy memories of travels across the globe, and they are active  
24 members of an RV travel club, the Rose City Sams; and

1           WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Archer have shared the trials and  
2 triumphs of five decades together, and it is truly a pleasure to pay  
3 tribute to them for their enduring union; now, therefore, be it

4           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas  
5 Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby congratulate Mitchell Lee  
6 and Melba Jean Archer on the joyous occasion of their 50th wedding  
7 anniversary and extend to them sincere best wishes for continued  
8 happiness; and, be it further

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