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H.R. No. 17

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, In commemoration of their 50th wedding anniversary,
2 Ray and Jane Blackwell of Midland enjoyed a Hawaiian cruise as well
3 as a family gathering at Possum Kingdom Lake; and

4 WHEREAS, On August 30, 1953, Mr. Blackwell and his bride, the
5 former Norma Jane Thompson, were married in a ceremony held in
6 O'Donnell; throughout the ensuing years, Mr. and Mrs. Blackwell
7 have reared a fine family, which includes their three children, Kim
8 Conley, Twyla Doty, and Stacey Blackwell, and 10 grandchildren; and

9 WHEREAS, After living in Quanah, Knox City, Vernon, Monahans,
10 and Pecos, the couple moved to Midland in 1982; now leading an
11 active retirement, Mrs. Blackwell enjoyed a notable career as an
12 educator that spanned 40 years, while Mr. Blackwell was employed
13 with the soil conservation service for 32 years and worked as a
14 Realtor for 10 years; and

15 WHEREAS, The Blackwells are today valued congregants of Golf
16 Course Road Church of Christ and active in the Midland community;
17 Mrs. Blackwell is a member of Delta Kappa Gamma and TSTA and
18 Mr. Blackwell's civic involvement includes the local Lions,
19 Optimist, and Kiwanis clubs; and

20 WHEREAS, Together, this devoted couple have shared the trials
21 and triumphs of five decades; their commitment to each other, to
22 their family, and their community gladdens the hearts of their
23 loved ones, and it is a pleasure to join in paying tribute to their
24 lasting union; now, therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
2 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby congratulate Ray and Jane
3 Blackwell on the memorable occasion of their 50th wedding
4 anniversary and extend to them best wishes for continued happiness;
5 and, be it further

6 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
7 prepared for Mr. and Mrs. Blackwell as an expression of high regard
8 by the Texas House of Representatives.