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## RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Vernon and Shirley Gilbert of Midland celebrated 2 their 50th wedding anniversary on August 16, 2003, as the guests of 3 honor at a memorable family get-together; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gilbert married the former Shirley Higginbotham on August 15, 1953, in Lubbock at the home of the Reverend J. F. Nix; over the years, they have nurtured a strong bond of love, and their marriage has been blessed with three sons, Gary, Roger, and Randy, a daughter, Sherri Pryor, and 23 grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Valued residents of Midland, the Gilberts founded a security business that later became Aprotex Corporation; they currently serve on the company's board of directors along with other family members; and

WHEREAS, For half a century this devoted couple have enjoyed a happy and rewarding relationship that has enriched their lives and the lives of their family and friends, and it is a pleasure to honor their enduring union; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby congratulate Vernon and Shirley Gilbert on the joyous occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary and extend to them sincere best wishes for continued happiness; and, be it further

22 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be 23 prepared for Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert as an expression of high regard by 24 the Texas House of Representatives.

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