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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, A 60th wedding anniversary is truly cause for a  
2           celebration, and on October 24, 2003, Bill O. Simmons, Sr., and  
3           Bobbie Simmons of Llano County are marking this momentous milestone  
4           in their marriage; and

5           WHEREAS, Mr. Simmons and the former Bobbie Peters were  
6           married on October 24, 1943, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Ada,  
7           Oklahoma, where he was stationed in the Army Air Corps; throughout  
8           their marriage, the couple have enjoyed a fulfilling relationship,  
9           and they have been blessed with a fine family that includes their  
10          sons, Bill O. Simmons, Jr., and Paul D. Simmons, a granddaughter,  
11          Ellen Hargrove, and a great-granddaughter, Claire Elizabeth; and

12          WHEREAS, Deeply dedicated to her family and her faith, Mrs.  
13          Simmons continues to provide a welcoming home for her loved ones;  
14          she serves her community through her involvement with the Llano  
15          County Republican Women's Club, which she has served through  
16          various committees and as a current board member, and she received  
17          the Contribution to Women Award at the 2002 Texas Federation of  
18          Republican Women state convention; in addition, Mrs. Simmons has  
19          served as president of the altar society at St. Ann Catholic Church;  
20          and

21          WHEREAS, Mr. Simmons answered his country's call to arms  
22          during World War II as a member of the 9th Air Force, and he joined  
23          the reserves in 1946; recalled to active duty, he was stationed at  
24          Perrin Air Force Base in Sherman from 1951 to 1953; and

1           WHEREAS, Mr. Simmons began his career with the Department of  
2 Public Safety in 1947, and the couple lived in Austin, Gainesville,  
3 and Corsicana before moving to Midland in 1956, where Mr. Simmons  
4 embarked on a new chapter in his life and began a career in the oil  
5 industry; and

6           WHEREAS, The co-owner of Quality Logging, Inc., in Midland,  
7 he moved with his wife to Llano County 13 years ago and has served  
8 his fellow citizens as county commissioner, chair of the Llano  
9 County Republican Party, and church council president of St.  
10 Charles Boromero Catholic Church in Kingsland, where the couple are  
11 valued congregants; moreover, Mr. Simmons is serving on the  
12 Telecommunication Infrastructure Fund Board under an appointment  
13 by Governor Rick Perry; and

14           WHEREAS, Together, Mr. and Mrs. Simmons have shared the  
15 trials and triumphs of six decades, and it is a pleasure to join in  
16 honoring them at this time; now, therefore, be it

17           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas  
18 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby congratulate Bill and  
19 Bobbie Simmons on the joyous occasion of their 60th wedding  
20 anniversary and extend to them sincere best wishes for continued  
21 happiness; and, be it further

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