

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, To mark their 50th wedding anniversary, James and  
2 Pat Morriss of Midland enjoyed a family dinner and a reception, and  
3 they will celebrate further with a trip to Scotland and England  
4 given by their children in commemoration of this significant  
5 milestone in their marriage; and

6           WHEREAS, Mr. Morriss and the former Patricia Ann Skaggs were  
7 joined in marriage on September 19, 1953, in Van Alstyne, and their  
8 close and enduring relationship has been the source of much  
9 happiness and contentment for these two committed individuals; and

10           WHEREAS, The heart of a close-knit family, Mr. and Mrs.  
11 Morriss have been blessed with three daughters and sons-in-law, Di  
12 Ann and Chip Barker, Lisa and Stephen DeShaw, and Karen and Michael  
13 Henson, and seven grandchildren, Alicia, Kimberley, Clint, and Tom  
14 Barker, James Tyrel Snelson, and Garrett and Nathan Henson; and

15           WHEREAS, In 1970, Mr. Morriss's job with Home Insurance  
16 Company took the couple to Midland, and after 10 years, they moved  
17 to Littleton, Colorado, when he answered the call to start the  
18 nondenominational Rocky Mountain Fellowship; once again Midland  
19 residents since they moved back in 1990 to be near family, Mr. and  
20 Mrs. Morriss are valued congregants of the Mid-Cities Community  
21 Church, and Mr. Morriss is employed with the Ellis Funeral Home; and

22           WHEREAS, A dedicated homemaker throughout her marriage, Mrs.  
23 Morriss has also been an unwavering partner with her husband over  
24 the course of more than 30 years in Christian ministry, and today

1 the couple continue to provide counseling; Mrs. Morriss displays  
2 her creativity through her involvement with local craft shows,  
3 while her husband sings bass in a Southern gospel music quartet; and

4 WHEREAS, Together, this devoted couple have nurtured a strong  
5 bond of love and filled each other's lives with great joy, and it is  
6 a privilege to join in honoring them at this time; now, therefore,  
7 be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas  
9 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby congratulate James and Pat  
10 Morriss on the joyous occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary  
11 and extend to them sincere best wishes for continued happiness;  
12 and, be it further

13 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
14 prepared for Mr. and Mrs. Morriss as an expression of high regard by  
15 the Texas House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 201

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 201 was adopted by the House on  
October 10, 2003, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House